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Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Please can I request (under the FOIA 2000):

I would like to make the following freedom of information request to your NHS Trust:

1. What antenatal advice does the trust routinely give to mothers about infant skincare including the bathing of babies?
2. What postpartum advice does the trust routinely give to mothers about infant skincare including the bathing of babies?
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Please let us know if you do not routinely give advice about this. If your trust has several hospitals and the advice differs at each hospital, please answer each question for each hospital. Your midwifery team and/or obstetrics team are likely to be able to help with this request. If you do not have a midwifery or obstetrics team please let us know.

We advise that no skincare products are used on babys skin. this had been consistent advice for many years. Bathing and nappy changing should be with warm water only.

Immediate bathing is not required and the Microbiomes on the baby's skin is healthy and it is best to leave the baby without bathing for several days unless the baby is very soiled following delivery.