

Appendix A – Audit Criteria

Criterion	Exception	Definition of terms
A documented, individualised postnatal care plan.	None	<p>The existence of a plan which documents:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. relevant details of history 2. healthcare professionals and their role in care 3. feeding plans 4. advice and management at each contact 5. emotional well-being
Local protocols about communication during the transfer of care	None	<p>Existence of protocols detailing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. method of communication 2. relevant items of information 3. method of handover of care plan
Information give at first postnatal contact of the signs and symptoms of potentially life-threatening conditions to mother and baby and whom to contact.	None	<p>Evidence in the care plan.</p> <p>Case-note audit of cases of late, life-threatening re-admissions of mother or infant.</p>
All maternity care providers should implement and evaluate externally a structured programme that encourages breastfeeding using the Baby Friendly Initiative as a minimum standard		<p>Evidence of implementation of scheme including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • training of staff • BFI principles implemented

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