Dear 

I am writing to respond to your request sent on the 23rd August 2016. OUHFT can confirm that it holds the data that you requested.

1. How many community midwives does your trust employ? 
   **412 midwives**
2. How many live births was your trust responsible for in financial year 2015/16? 
   **8490 live births**
3. How many bilirubinometers (device to measure bilirubin in the blood) does your trust have available for use by community midwives? 
   **12 Bilirubinometers are available in the community**
4. Where are your trust’s bilirubinometers stored? 
   **Bilirubinometers are stored in each community area. There is one bilirubinometer for each community group and additional monitor for the two city groups**
5. What training is provided to community midwives in the use of bilirubinometers? 
   **Guidelines are available for staff. Training was given to each area on introduction of bilirubinometers. This training has been cascaded down to new staff. Plans for further jaundice monitoring training planned for the Autumn 2016 to launch updated guidance**
6. How much does your trust spend per annum on purchasing bilirubinometers? 
   Please provide figure for financial year 2015/16 
   **There is no allocated budget for additional new bilirubinometers. Replacements will be required when required following the procurement processes**
7. Does your trust have a policy for treatment of neonatal jaundice? **See attached**
8. If a policy exists how do you ensure community midwives are familiar with it and adhere to it when attending to babies in the community? 
   **All community midwives are notified of any changes to guidance. The guidance has a clear auditing process in place. Any incidents or concerns are followed up via are clinical governance processes**
9. What is your average discharge time for babies and mothers following a live birth? **24-48 hours**
10. Do you record cases of brain damage caused by high bilirubin levels in babies with neonatal jaundice (kernicterus)? **Yes**
11. If yes to the question above then please provide figures for the number of cases for all financial years where data is available. **None**
12. How much compensation did your trust pay to children with brain damage caused by high bilirubin levels (kernicterus) for all financial years where data is available. **Nil - since April 2012**