



**Paper for information: Breastfeeding pilot data collection  
query – Matters arising item**

**Agenda item: 3**

Please see attached paper outlining information received by Dr Tony Williams, from Maureen Howell regarding his query on breastfeeding pilot in Gwent, Wales.

Wales have introduced new procedures and definitions for collection of breastfeeding data by Health Visitors and we have designed new pages for the Red Books. These are at the printers now and will shortly be ready for use across Gwent Healthcare NHS Trust, which is the largest Trust in Wales. Data is then recorded on the Child Health System.

The pilot scheme was very successful in Caerphilly Borough, which falls within the Gwent Trust, and we are anticipating a similar success in the full Trust. We are then hoping to be able to roll this out across Wales.

The new forms include collections of data by midwives at birth and at 7 days.

Infant feeding code to be used:

Code 1: Exclusive breast milk by any means: breast, cup, tube, syringe etc, and essential medicine

Code 2: Predominantly breast milk: >75% of feeds in past 24 hours were breast milk

Code 3: Partially breast milk: 75% or less of feeds in past 24 hours were breast milk

Code 4: Infant formula, cow's milk and any other drink but no breast milk

The National Community Child Health Database (Welsh) extracts postcodes from Child Health Systems and recodes them to small areas as we can't hold identifiable data (and postcodes are deemed to be identifiers). So, we could extract this data by small areas.

Trusts themselves could target according to postcode or groups of postcode using their Child Health System.