

BHS Breastfeeding Policy (POL0028)

Appendix 1 Infant feeding monitoring and data management at BHS July 2017

BFHI Step 1c: Establish ongoing monitoring and data-management systems.

BFHI compliance and infant feeding risks

- BHS Breastfeeding service is led and managed by a Clinical Midwife Consultant in Lactation who is an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC)
- Compliance with BFHI standards is monitored continuously by the CMC Lactation and other Lactation Consultants. Compliance is reported via the quarterly report tabled at the WCH Governance Committee (as above).
- Non-compliance is addressed through risk assessments and action plans implemented by the CMC Lactation and relevant hospital personnel.
- Infant feeding associated risks and incidents are reported using the Victorian Health Incident Management System (VHIMS), managed by the BHS Centre for Safety and Innovation

Sentinel Indicators Data

Infant feeding data is routinely recorded by midwives and nurses for all babies (term and preterm) born at BHS using the Birthing Outcomes System (BOS) program as follows:

- Antenatal intended feeding
- Skin to skin contact
- First feed after birth
- Feeding at discharge
- Exclusive breastfeeding from birth to discharge
- Suppression of breastfeeding before discharge
- Exclusive formula feeding

Data audits

Monthly audits are completed by the Breastfeeding Service to ensure data collection by staff is accurate and complete. Audits are completed using data reports generated on BOS and by accessing relevant medical records when necessary.

Audits include:

- Infant feeding data for babies on Postnatal Ward under Obstetric Unit Care, never admitted to SCN >2500gm and > 37 completed weeks.
- Infant feeding data for babies on Postnatal Ward under Paediatric Unit Care, never admitted to SCN, <2500gm and/or < 37 completed weeks gestation
- Infant feeding data for all babies admitted to SCN (inborn babies).
- Correct procedure for parental consent for formula supplementation if indicated

- Documentation and data entry errors.

Reporting

Data and audits are reported as follows:

- At the monthly Women's and Children's Health (WCH) Governance Committee via the BHS Dashboard reporting system: Women and Children Governance Committee – Key Performance Indicators Report. These minutes are tables for noting at the BHS Patient Safety and Innovation Committee meetings
- Included in Victorian Department of Health's annual BHS Women's and Children's services Perinatal Services Performance Indicator (PSPI) report.
- Quarterly (or more often as required) report prepared by the CMC Lactation, tabled at Women's and Children's Services Governance Committee
- Communicated regularly to all relevant staff via newsletters, email and hard copies on noticeboards in relevant clinical areas.