

HSS(MD) 43/2006 – Routine postnatal care of women and their babies – NICE Clinical guidelines – for implementation

It has been brought to the Department's attention that there may be some ambiguity around the 'For Action' provision in the above circular.

To clarify – the following is required:

HSS Trusts – by 15 January 2007 forward to Chief Nursing Officers/Directors of Nursing at relevant HSS Board, the Trust's protocol to ensure effective arrangements for recognition and management of early, prolonged and late-onset jaundice and bleeding in the newborn in all settings (including community and A&E Departments).

HSS Boards – the 4-Board Chief Nursing Officers/Directors of Nursing to consider the Trust protocols and, liaising with relevant professionals within HSS Boards as necessary, to forward to the Department by 31 January 2007, **one**, agreed response on the approach to be taken by **all** Trusts on this subject.