

**PE1454/H**

**NHS Forth Valley Response to Public Petition PE1454**

**Please set out the background to NHS Forth Valley producing guidelines on day treatment of women with moderate hyperemesis and inpatient treatment of women with hyperemesis.**

In 2009 it was recognised by both midwifery and medical staff that there was a need for a day-care facility for women experiencing more than mild hyperemesis.

Protocols were developed by a Consultant Obstetrician for “Day –case rehydration for women with moderate “Hyperemesis Gravidarum”

The protocol sets out

- the referral criteria for Day Case hydration
- the criteria for admission to the inpatient ward
- Initial assessment and Investigation by either the midwife or SHO
- Management including fluid and electrolyte replacement, anti-emetic therapy, nutrition and acupuncture which at that time was offered by an Anaesthetist.

An inpatient protocol was also produced at that time giving guidance on midwifery care information on Oculogyric crisis and discharge advice .

As is normal practice with clinical protocols a review date, in this case, 2011 was agreed and in 2011 the protocol was updated to reflect current best practice i.e Anti emetic therapy referenced to Jarvis, Nelson- Percy 2011 rather than the previous reference by Nelson-Percy 2002

The protocols are due to be reviewed in October of 2013

**Does NHS Forth Valley have any nursing staff or midwives who provide specialist support for women who experience hyperemesis?**

NHS Forth Valley does not have any midwives who provide specialist support however patients who attend the Maternity Assessment Centre (Triage and Day Care) are seen by the same cohort of staff who are experienced in the care of this condition.