

Breast pumps

At the moment the cleft team has 25 breast pumps, so that every mother who wishes to, is able to breast milk feed her baby. This is actually one of the National nursing standards of care. Most of them were bought through fundraising by parents for Cambridge CLAPA. Now that we have this number it usually works well and on the whole they are nearly all out in use most of the time with approximately 3 – 5 in the office for on call use etc. The cleft team has found over the last couple of years that the number of babies with a cleft condition is slowly increasing (probably due to increased population in East Anglia) and there are around 95 babies per year being referred to the team throughout East Anglia. The cleft team keeps careful records of pumps and who they are loaned out to and for how long, so that usage can be audited. At the moment there is the 3 for 2 offer from the manufacture, what is very cost effective.

