**FOI Ref: 6587**

**Category(ies): Clinical - Service Activity**

**Subject: Neonatal Sepsis Guidance**

**Date Received: 30/08/2022**

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| **Your request:** | **Our response:** |
| I am gathering information about management of babies at risk of neonatal sepsis in the UK. I would be grateful if you could provide the following information: |
| **Is your trust involved in the medical care of infants in the first 72 hours of life?**If no, please answer only the above question and respond to this request**If yes, I would be grateful if you could also answer the following:** | Yes |
| 1. Do you have a guideline for the investigation and treatment of early onset infection/sepsis in neonates (names will vary)?
 | Yes |
| 1. Does your guideline use NICE or Kaiser Permanente criteria for assessment of infants at risk of early onset neonatal sepsis?
 | NICE criteria |
| 1. Within your early onset neonatal sepsis guideline what are the indications for lumbar puncture?
 | LP should be performed in infants with one of the following: * Positive blood cultures (excluding skin contaminants)
* Not improving on antibiotics
* Clinical features consistent with meningitis/suggestive of serious infection
* Rising CRP > 40 (To discuss with Consultant)
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| 1. How many lumbar punctures has your trust carried out in infants under 72 hours of age in the last 12 months?
 | 17 |
| 1. How many of these had positive CSF cultures (not including bacterial PCR)?
 | 1 x GBS |
| 1. How many infants under 72 hours of age were diagnosed with meningitis in the last 12 months in your trust?
 | 1 (Financial year 2021-22)2 (Sept 21-Aug 22) |
| 1. How many infants between 72 hours of age and 7 days of age were diagnosed with meningitis in your trust?
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