**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) |
| 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? | 0 (Financial year 2021-22)  1 (Sept 21-Aug 22) |