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### **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to diagnostic and procedure codes.

You asked:

- 1) Any diagnosis from the category Z38 (i.e. Z38.0 - Z38.8, I believe obtained by searching for Z38.X, but local procedures may vary). This diagnosis could be in any position, principle or secondary.  
Explanation: This is looking at the number of live births in the time period in your trust.
- 2) The number of episodes from the results of part 1) that has also given the diagnosis code P39.9. This diagnosis could be in any position, principle or secondary.  
Explanation: This is looking at the number of the above patients who were screened and treated for sepsis, without diagnosed bacteraemia.
- 3) The number of episodes from the results of part 1) that has also given a diagnosis from the category P36 (i.e. P36.0 - P36.9, I believe this is searched for by P36.X). This diagnosis could be in any position, principle or secondary.  
Explanation: This is looking at the number of patients from part 1) that had a bacterial sepsis.

4) The number of episodes from the results of part 1), which also has the procedure code A55.8 or A55.9

Explanation: This is looking at the number of patients from parts 1) that have had a lumbar puncture, an investigation for meningitis.

5) The number of episodes from the results of part 1), which also has any diagnosis from the category G00, G01, G02, or G03. These diagnoses could be in any position, principle or secondary

Explanation: This is looking at the number of patients from parts 1) that actually were diagnosed with meningitis.

Notes to help complete request:

For each of 1) 2) 3) 4) and 5), you only need to provide one number for the number of episodes for each; they do not need to be broken down in to subcategories. If any of the answers is zero, please state as such (or state you do not hold any information on it). Kindly note this information is not publicly available from other sources, including NHS Digital.

Trust response:

Between 1st October 2015 and 31st March 2018 (All codes searched for were searched in in Primary or Secondary positions for all questions)

(1) Any diagnosis from the category Z38

This is looking at the number of live births in the time period in your trust.

N.B. Request asks for Z38 to determine live births. If this code is used there would be some under-reporting where coding not complete

Instead, the following is the number of registerable births minus stillborn to give livebirths

Total from Maternity system (all registerable births minus stillbirths) 14,935

This maternity data was then linked to the admissions data using date of birth and patient number.

2) The number of episodes from the results of part 1) that has also given the diagnosis code P39.9

This is looking at the number of the above patients who were screened and treated for sepsis, without diagnosed bacteraemia.

Total from part 1 who also have coding P39.9 72

3) The number of episodes from the results of part 1) that has also given a diagnosis from the category P36  
This is looking at the number of patients from part 1) who had a bacterial sepsis.

Total from part 1 who also have coding P36 1,137

4) The number of episodes from the results of part 1), which also has the procedure code A55.8 or A55.9  
This is looking at the number of patients from part 1) who have had a lumbar puncture, an investigation for meningitis.

Total from part 1 who also have coding A55.8 0

Total from part 1 who also have coding A55.9 182

5) The number of episodes from the results of part 1), which also has any diagnosis from the category G00, G01, G02, or G03

This is looking at the number of patients from part 1) who actually were diagnosed with meningitis.

Total from part 1 who also have coding G00 1 (This was G00.9)

Total from part 1 who also have coding G01 0

Total from part 1 who also have coding G02 0

Total from part 1 who also have coding G03 0