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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 the 6-in-1 vaccine.

You asked:

- a) The number of 6-in-1 vaccines offered to be given to babies in the financial years 2017/18, 2016/17, and 2015/16.
- b) The number of 6-in-1 vaccines that were refused by parents or guardians of the baby in the financial year 2017/18, 2016/17, and 2015/16.
- c) The number of children diagnosed with any of the following in 2017/18 alone, who had not received the 6-in-1 vaccine when they were a baby because their parent or guardian had refused it. If a child was diagnosed with more than one of the below, please provide that information: diphtheria, hepatitis B, Hib, polio, tetanus, or whooping cough

Trust response:

This vaccination will be carried out in the Community and administered by a GP. Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust will only administer the vaccination if a child is a long term admission i.e. first dose on NICU or if they are allergic and might react.