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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 Neonatal sepsis guidance.

You asked:

A. 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

B. If yes, I would be grateful if you could also answer the following:

1. Do you have a guideline for the investigation and treatment of early onset infection/sepsis in neonates (names will vary)?

2. Does your guideline use NICE or Kaiser Permanente criteria for assessment of infants at risk of early onset neonatal sepsis?

3. Within your early onset neonatal sepsis guideline what are the indications for lumbar puncture?

4. How many lumbar punctures has your trust carried out in infants under 72 hours of age in the last 12 months?

5. How many of these had positive CSF cultures (not including bacterial PCR)?

6. How many infants under 72 hours of age were diagnosed with meningitis in the last 12 months in your trust?

7. How many infants between 72 hours of age and 7 days of age were diagnosed with meningitis in your trust?

Trust response:

1. YES
2. NICE
3. YES – CRP over 20
4. 86 CSF samples were received for culture in Microbiology

5. 1 sample was positive for culture
6. None
7. None