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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5333

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 30th August 2022.

Your request was as follows:

Is your trust involved in the medical care of infants in the first 72 hours of life?

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust is a Specialist Neuroscience Tertiary Care Centre; we do not have provide medical care for infants in the first 72 hours of life, therefore we cannot provide this information.

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?

N/A

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 5333 in any future communications.

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Yours sincerely

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