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Email only

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Dear

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022 in relation to County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust). Your request has been processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and I am now able to provide you with a response.

Your request was in relation to Neonatal Sepsis Guidance and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

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

Yes

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

Yes, NICE guideline 149.

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

The Trust consider performing a lumbar puncture in the following situations:

- Blood culture is positive (other than coagulase negative staphylococcus)
- There is no satisfactory response to antibiotic treatment
- There is a strong clinical suspicion of infection
- There are clinical symptoms or signs suggesting meningitis

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

35 (July 2021 until June 2022)

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

2 (July 2021 until June 2022)

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

2 (July 2021 until June 2022)

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

1 (July 2021 until June 2022)

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log on the Trust's website. However please be assured that we anonymise all responses prior to adding them to the disclosure log.

I hope that this response has provided you with the information you had requested. If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or in writing. If however, you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled and would like an internal review, you will need to contact me in writing at the above address or via [cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs](mailto:cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs).

If you remain dissatisfied with our response following an internal review you have the right to appeal to The Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. More information is available on their website; [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

**Corporate Records and Freedom of Information Facilitator**