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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/013950 – Lumbar puncture on a newborn baby

Please can I make a new Freedom of Information request, which concerns the care of newborn babies you look after on the neonatal side of care (neonatal unit/post-natal ward/transitional care etc):

For each of the hospitals in your trust that treat newborn babies, please can you provide any information you hold (such as protocol, local guidelines/advice etc), on when a newborn baby would normally receive a lumbar puncture when you are worried about an infection or sepsis. I am particularly interested if there is a local CRP (C-reactive protein) blood level at which a lumbar puncture is usually done.

Attached is the guideline for your information.

This information is mostly adopted from NICE guidance (Neonatal infection (early onset) :antibiotics for prevention and treatment: Clinical guideline [CG149] Appendix 4 on Page 12 discuss about lumbar puncture.

** For a copy of the guideline please contact dgft.foi@nhs.net