


Date: 03/07/2019

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/014858 – Group B Strep Support

The charity Group B Strep Support is doing some research into group B Strep prevention policies, information provision, and types of GBS testing done across the UK.

Please let me know if any questions are unclear. To assist with responding to this FOI request, we would expect questions 1-6 and 8-9 to need input from the Midwifery/Obstetrics & Gynaecology department, while questions 10-14 will likely need input from the Microbiology department.

Please see response below.

Name of Trust/Board: The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust		
Name of Hospital / Unit: Russells Hall hospital		
Freedom of Information request 014858		
**Please note the Trust does not offer a GBS screening programme and as questions are asking what the Lab would do if a screening programme was in place these questions cannot be answered as there is no programme in place.		
Question 7 - Information held in patient notes and notes/medical records are not accessible under the FOI Act		
For your information:-		
The Trust is now part of The Black Country Pathology Services.		
The Black Country Pathology Services (BCPS) Partnership will integrate pathology services at The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust (RWT), with Sandwell West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust (SWBH), Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust (DGH) and Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust (WHT). The Black Country Pathology Service will be hosted by RWT on behalf of the Partnership.		
		see attached
Please provide the date when your guidelines relating to group B Strep during pregnancy and labour was last updated	Date:	01/06/2018
Please provide the date when your guidelines relating to group B Strep during pregnancy and labour is due to be updated	Date:	01/06/2021
Do you provide information materials routinely to pregnant women about group B Strep as a routine part of antenatal care?	Y(es) or N(n):	N
Do you provide ALL pregnant women with information materials about group B Strep?	Y(es) or N(n):	N
a) If not to all pregnant women, do you provide them to women who have previously had a baby with GBS infection?	Y(es) or N(n):	N
b) If not to all pregnant women, do you provide them to women where GBS has been detected during the current pregnancy (swab or	Y(es) or N(n):	Y
c) If not to all pregnant women, do you provide them to women who are in preterm labour?	Y(es) or N(n):	N
d) If not to all pregnant women, do you provide them to women whose waters break early?	Y(es) or N(n):	N
e) If not to all pregnant women, do you provide them to women who request information?	Y(es) or N(n):	Y
Please supply copies of the information materials (physical and/or digital) which are given to women about GBS as a routine part of antenatal care.		

What was the Trust/Board's recorded number of early-onset GBS infections (EOGBS infections develop in babies aged 0-6 days) and late-onset GBS infection (LOGBS infections develop in babies aged 7-90 days) for 2017 and 2018. This may include those who developed GBS infection while in hospital, and those who were brought to hospital (i.e. fell ill after going home). Please also supply your declared total number of births within your Trust/Board for each year	No of EOGBS infections 2018	Information in notes
	No of LOGBS infections 2018	Information in notes
	Total number of live births, 2018	4,303
	No of EOGBS infections 2017	Information in notes
	No of LOGBS infections 2017	Information in notes
	Total number of live births, 2017	4,456
Does the Trust/Board offer culture-based GBS testing for GBS carriage in late pregnancy to women where GBS was detected in a previous pregnancy?	Y(es) or N(n):	Not applicable
Does the Trust/Board offer culture-based GBS testing for GBS carriage in late pregnancy to women in any other circumstances?	Y(es) or N(n):	Not applicable
If the Trust/Board undertakes GBS testing for GBS carriage in to women in late pregnancy, which of the following specimen types do you collect?		
a) Vaginal Swab	Y(es) or N(n):	Not applicable
b) Rectal Swab	Y(es) or N(n):	Not applicable
c) Both Vaginal and Rectal Swab	Y(es) or N(n):	Not applicable
d) Other (please state)	Y(es) or N(n):	Not applicable
If the Trust/Board undertakes GBS testing for GBS carriage in women in late pregnancy, which detection method is used by the Microbiology laboratory?		
a) Direct culture on non-selective, non-chromogenic media	Y(es) or N(n):	Not applicable
b. Direct culture on selective &/or indicator media	Y(es) or N(n):	Not applicable
c) Broth enrichment with subculture onto non-selective, non-chromogenic media	Y(es) or N(n):	Not applicable
d) Broth enrichment with subculture onto selective &/or chromogenic media	Y(es) or N(n):	Not applicable
e) Other (Please state)	Y(es) or N(n):	Please describe:
Is testing for GBS carriage within the accredited scope of the Microbiology laboratory?	Y(es) or N(n):	not applicable
Does the Microbiology laboratory use an automated specimen processor (e.g. WASP)?	Y(es) or N(n):	not applicable
If the Microbiology lab uses an automated specimen processor, does it allow enrichment broth inoculation?	Y(es) or N(n):	Not applicable