

Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust,

To assist with responding to this FOI request, we would expect questions 1-9 and 13-14 to need input from the Midwifery/Obstetrics & Gynaecology department, while questions 10-12 will likely need input from the Microbiology department. Please let me know if any questions are unclear.

1. Please supply a copy of your guideline(s) relating to group B Strep during pregnancy, labour, and in newborn babies

See attached

2. Please provide the date when your guidelines relating to group B Strep during pregnancy, labour, and in newborn babies were last updated

July 2023

3. Please provide the date when your guidelines relating to group B Strep during pregnancy, labour, and in newborn babies are due to be updated

August 2026 or if there is any new guidance

4. Do you provide information materials about group B Strep to all pregnant women and people as a routine part of antenatal care? (Yes/No)

Yes

5. If you do not provide information materials about group B Strep to all pregnant women and people, do you provide them to any of the following groups during antenatal care? (Select all that apply)

those who have previously had a baby who developed GBS infection
those where GBS was detected before the current pregnancy (swab or urine)
those where GBS was detected during the current pregnancy (swab or urine)
those who are in preterm labour
those with preterm rupture of membranes
those with prolonged rupture of membranes
those who request information

6. Please supply copies of the information materials (physical and/or digital) which are given to pregnant women and people about GBS as a routine part of antenatal care.

The RCOG leaflet is given to every woman in her booking pack

7. Do you offer testing specifically for maternal GBS carriage to any pregnant women or people in either late pregnancy or in labour? [By this we mean a test specifically intended to detect GBS carriage, rather than a general test for the presence of any microorganisms of interest] (Yes/No)

No

8. If you offer testing specifically for maternal GBS carriage in late pregnancy or in labour, do you offer: (Select all that apply)

Testing late in pregnancy

Testing in labour

N/A

9. Do you offer GBS-specific testing for maternal GBS carriage to: (Select all that apply)

All pregnant women and people

Those who previously had a baby who developed GBS infection

Those where GBS was detected in a previous pregnancy

Those who request it

Those in other circumstances (for example, for reasons such as PPROM or vaginal discharge)

Other (please state)

10. If you undertake GBS-specific testing for maternal GBS carriage, which of the following specimen types do you collect (Select all that apply):

Vaginal Swab alone

Rectal Swab alone

Both Vaginal and Rectal Swab(s)

Other (please state)

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11. If you undertake GBS-specific testing for maternal GBS carriage, which detection method is used by the Microbiology laboratory? (Select all that apply)

Direct culture on non-selective, non-chromogenic media

Direct culture on selective &/or indicator media

Broth enrichment with subculture onto non-selective, non-chromogenic media

Broth enrichment with subculture onto selective &/or chromogenic media

PCR (for example, Cepheid GeneXpert)

Other (Please state)

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12. Does your lab offer any of the following (Select all that apply):
Enriched Culture Medium (ECM) as part of the routine lab test repertoire
ECM offered, with samples referred to another lab
PCR as part of the routine lab test repertoire
PCR offered, with samples referred to another lab
Other (please state)

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13. Do you provide training on group B Strep in labour to (Select all that apply)
Midwifery staff
Obstetric staff
Neonatal staff
Laboratory staff
Others (please state)

No role specific training for this year, is added to the education programme on a rolling/need basis

14. Do you use the Kaiser Permanente Neonatal Early-Onset Sepsis Calculator? (Yes/No)

No

14a. If yes to Q14, is there a prospective audit in place? (Yes/No)

14b. If yes to Q14, from what gestation do you use the calculator? Please specify weeks and days e.g. 34+0

15. Do you use digital platforms to analyse your Trust/Board's rates of GBS infection [invasive neonatal or maternal infections - not non-invasive infections, or infections that are not neonatal/pregnancy-related] (Yes/No)

No

16. If you use digital platforms to analyse your Trust/Board's rates of GBS infection as defined in Q15, do you use this for: (Select all that apply)

Early-onset GBS infection
Late-onset GBS infection

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Maternal GBS infection

Others (please state)

No

17. Has your Trust adopted the NHS Complaint Standards as set out by the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman?

YES

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