



Procedure for a positive GBS result

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1.0 Introduction

To outline the process for ensuring appropriate communication of a Group B Streptococcal (GBS) positive result from Spectrum Sexual Health Clinic to the Antenatal Clinic or when found within the maternity unit.

2.0 Objective

The standard operating procedure is to outline the process by which a positive GBS result is actioned within the maternity services.

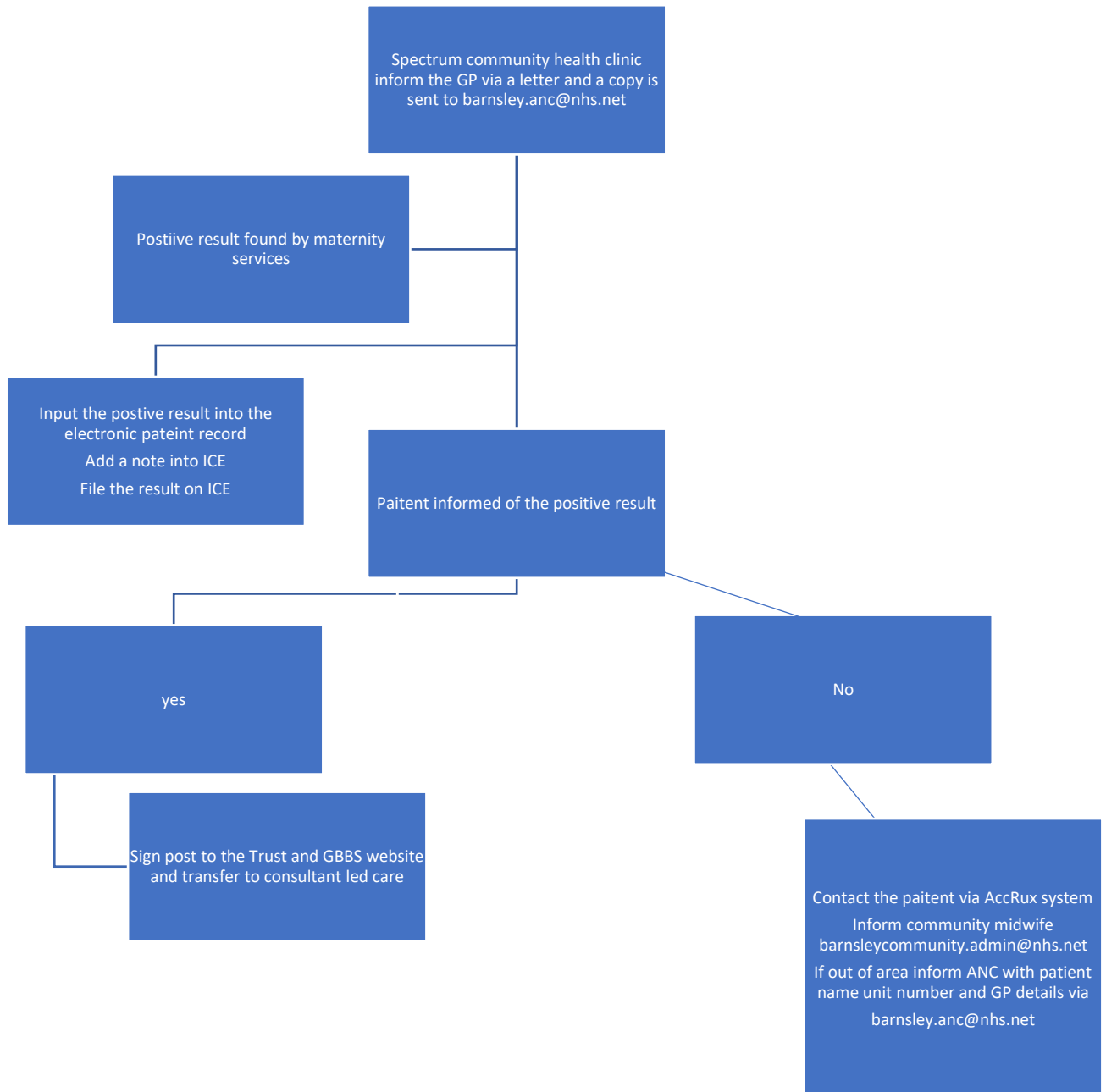
3.0 Scope

This guideline applies to all medical and midwifery staff working on the maternity unit.



4.0
GBS positive result on a pregnant woman

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Management of GBS positive patient

GBS positive in the urine

- **Treat with antibiotics at the time**
- Inform IAP (Intrapartum Antibiotic Prophylaxis) will be needed
- Ensure she is aware to inform staff when in labour of the positive GBS result

GBS positive on HVS/LVS/rectal swab

- Inform the patient of the need for (Intrapartum Antibiotic Prophylaxis) IAP
- Ensure she is aware to inform staff when in labour of the GBS positive result



5.0 Equality and Diversity

This section is mandatory for all Trust Approved Documents and must include the statement below:

The Trust is committed to an environment that promotes equality and embraces diversity in its performance as an employer and service provider. It will adhere to legal and performance requirements and will mainstream equality, diversity and inclusion principles through its policies, procedures and processes. This procedure should be implemented with due regard to this commitment.

To ensure that the implementation of this procedure does not have an adverse impact in response to the requirements of the Equality Act 2010 this policy has been screened for relevance during the policy development process and a full equality impact assessment is conducted where necessary prior to consultation. The Trust will take remedial action when necessary to address any unexpected or unwarranted disparities and monitor practice to ensure that this policy is fairly implemented.

This procedure can be made available in alternative formats on request including large print, Braille, moon, audio, and different languages. To arrange this please refer to the Trust translation and interpretation policy in the first instance.

The Trust will endeavour to make reasonable adjustments to accommodate any employee/patient with particular equality, diversity and inclusion requirements in implementing this procedure. This may include accessibility of meeting/appointment venues, providing translation, arranging an interpreter to attend appointments/meetings, extending policy timeframes to enable translation to be undertaken, or assistance with formulating any written statements.

5.1 Recording and Monitoring of Equality & Diversity

This section is mandatory for all Trust Approved Documents and must include the statement below:

The Trust understands the business case for equality, diversity and inclusion and will make sure that this is translated into practice. Accordingly, all procedures will be monitored to ensure their effectiveness.

Monitoring information will be collated, analysed and published on an annual basis as part of Equality Delivery System. The monitoring will cover the nine protected characteristics and will meet statutory employment duties under the Equality Act 2010. Where adverse impact is identified through the monitoring process the Trust will investigate and take corrective action to mitigate and prevent any negative impact.



Appendix 1 Glossary of terms

GBS – Group B Streptococcal

Appendix 2 (must always be the last appendix)

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