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Standard Operating Procedure: SOP***		
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1. PURPOSE: As recommended by ‘Saving Babies Lives’ This ‘care bundle’ action plan will help NHS England to make maternity care safer, alongside guidelines to reduce preterm birth.

Chlamydia is associated with preterm birth, and screening should be offered to at-risk women. In particular, healthcare professionals should inform pregnant women under the age of 25 years about the high prevalence of chlamydial infection in their age group, and give details of their local National Chlamydia Screening Programme or screen.

This will be a joint pathway between Worcestershire Integrated Sexual Health and Worcestershire Acute Maternity unit.

To create a referral pathway for Antenatal staff to facilitate management of patients diagnosed with chlamydia with respect to partner notification.

- 2. SCOPE:** A service wide referral form to be used by county wide antenatal staff for all localities.
- 3. RESPONSIBILITY:** Senior members of the sexual staff (Band 7 and above). WISH senior administrator and LARC administrator.
- 4. FREQUENCY:** As determined by quantity of chlamydia positives in cohort of antenatal patients under the age of 25.
- 5. RISK ASSESSMENT:** Risks related to nil action taken on receipt of email (failsafe – is use of deputy administrator if main administrator absent).

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6. PROCEDURE:

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Patients will self-take a vulvo vaginal swab in their initial booking visit with the community midwife – this is the yellow topped chlamydia bottle. This result will be checked by the midwife and acted upon accordingly.

In cases where the swab is not taken at the initial appointment it could be performed in antenatal clinic and the result checked by the named consultant.

If there is a positive result:

- a. The Mid-wife will contact the patient to inform them of the result and further care plan to include:
- b. Commence treatment:
 - i. Azithromycin 1g stat on day 1
 - ii. Followed by 500mg once a day for 2 days
 - iii. Document on ICE result that management plan has been instigated
 - iv. Make patient aware that Azithromycin is not currently licensed for use in pregnancy but to date no issues have arisen following its use.
- c. Gain consent from patient for referral to the Sexual Health clinic. Confirm contact details, and advise them that they will be contacted by a member of the Sexual Health clinic for the following:
 - i. Management of Partner notification
 - ii. 3 month re-testing
 - iii. Full screening for other STIs if clinically indicated
- d. Referrals (Appendix 1) to be sent to the generic email address for Sexual Health Team on : whcnhs.wishmaternityu25referral@nhs.net
- e. All referrals to be sent through on standard proforma appendix 1.
 - i. To include: Name and NHS number, date of birth telephone number, patient address , patient locality care base, GP details
- f. If no consent for referral gained: reiterate the risks to the patient and inform the Obstetric team in charge of their care.

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- g. The inbox for generic email will be checked by Senior Administrator and LARC Administrator. This will be checked daily and cross cover to be provided in there is any Leave.
- h. Referrals will be directed to the appropriate next day's Health Advising (HA) List for the locality identified on the referral form.
- i. HA to contact patient to risk assess for other STI's, check treatment compliance and discuss partner notification. HA to confirm follow up (Rx compliance) with point of contact name/email on referral form.
- j. Do not give any partner details, except treated or untreated status of primary contact.
- k. HA to add to 3 months CT recall.
- l. Document management on EPR
- m. A review of the process will occur on an annual process

7. MONITORING IMPLEMENTATION: - review of process to occur in 1 years' time

- 1.1. Review exercise to ascertain all emails have been received and passed on – within 2 working days
- 1.2. Timeframe for appropriate action by sexual health staff.- within 2 working days
- 1.3. Review annually



Appendix 1: Referral form for Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust (WAT) Antenatal staff to complete and send to Herefordshire & Worcestershire Health & Care NHS Trust when managing a patient diagnosed with chlamydia under the age of 25.

Antenatal Referral to Worcestershire Integrated Sexual Health (WISH)

Please email all referrals to: whcnhs.wishmaternityu25referral@nhs.net

Patient Name	GP
Date of birth	GP Address
Address	
Post Code	
Contact Number	
Please indicate patient preferred locality	
Kidderminster	<input type="checkbox"/>
Redditch & Bromsgrove	<input type="checkbox"/>
Worcester	<input type="checkbox"/>

Patient has consented to being contacted by Sexual health: Yes No

Method of contact consented: Phone/voicemail/*Text message*/Letter

Has the patient commenced treatment for chlamydia? Yes No

Date of diagnosis:

Treatment commenced:

- Date:
- Treatment regime:

Expected date of delivery:

Contact Name & details to confirm follow up by Sexual Health:

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