

Group B Streptococcus is an organism which is carried by around 25% of the population. In the majority of people it causes no harm however around the time of labour and the birth, many babies come into contact with GBS. Most pregnant women who carry GBS have healthy babies though, rarely, GBS infection in newborn babies can cause serious complications and can be life threatening.

### **Mandatory Reporting**

From 1 April 2013 Health and Social Care Trusts are required to report all confirmed cases of early and late onset Group B Streptococcus (GBS) infection in babies to the Public Health Agency.

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