

# Regional Paediatric TB Guidelines

for Yorkshire & the Humber and the  
North East

# Origins

- Since 2015
  - TB strategy for England and Wales
    - Establishes TB control boards
    - Push towards clinical networks
  - NICE NG33
    - Controversial change in definition of positive screen for children
    - Several departures from previously established practices
  - (Manchester network)

# Background

- Incidence varies widely across region
- Variety of previous models of care
- Difficult to centralise (community based)
- Inconsistencies in obtaining specimens from children
- (difficulties with paediatric participation in cohort review)

# Aims

- Standardise investigation and management of children with TB and LTBI across the region
- Promote better working practices
- Detail departures from NICE Guidelines
- Maintain flexibility where appropriate
- Provide a useful resource for local teams
- Help advance TB control board priorities

## Key principles

- Children should be cared for by a paediatrician
- Paediatric TB lead at each trust, with arrangements for cover
- Requirement to obtain samples if active TB suspected or treatment planned
- Establishment of MDT's & networks, including suggestions for when to contact lead centre
- Acquiesce in 5mm TST cutoff for pulmonary contacts, suggested divergence for others

# Aims for today

- Forum for discussion of draft guidelines
- Scope for amendment before wider circulation
- Hear about barriers to implementation
- Opportunity to populate service contact info
- Discuss specific points
  - Paediatric competencies for TB nurses
  - Shared audit

# Comments on draft?

- Any comments on the draft
  - Appreciate that much of it written from tertiary centre perspective
  - Has had input from TB nurses
  - Where guideline envisages different practice from current local practice, need to decide if guideline should encompass that flexibility, or practice should change (issue by issue)

# Difficulties with implementation?

- MDT's?
- Paediatric TB leads and cover?
- Shape and functioning of network
- (cohort review)



# Plans for circulation

- Circulate to all identified TB leads, TB nurses, CCDC's in the region (end Oct)
- 4 week period for comment (end Nov)
- 4 week finalise document
- Ratification by TB control board in February