**CCTH - IV/IM antibiotic pathway**

Child prescribed IV/IM AB by Medical staff

Lidocaine to be prescribed for IM Ceftriaxone if required

If child systemically well, with observations within normal limits for age for >12hours.

Once daily dose of antibiotics to be administered by CCTH.

Follow e-referral process and ensure acceptance by CCTH before discharge.

Discharged from hospital with CCTH leaflet, documentation including drug chart and any necessary equipment.

CCTH to administer antibiotics as prescribed, monitor observations and clinical condition and complete cannula care bundle

Telephone handover with medical team daily and liaison with paediatric medical team if required.

Deterioration in clinical condition or observations.

Child systemically well and Observations remain within normal limits for age.

CCTH to chase blood culture results (on CWS or by contacting microbiology – 01633 493918)

Discuss with paediatric team for plan.

Re-admission to ward if required for assessment and intervention

Blood culture/PCR positive:

Discuss with paediatric team regarding length of antibiotics treatment and whether further intervention or assessment is required.

Blood culture/PCR negative:

Discuss with medical team.

Stop antibiotics and remove cannula if directed by medical team.

**Paediatric team contact:**

**SHO bleep 3327**

**APNP bleep 3328**

Discharge from CCTH when treatment complete.

Remove child from virtual ward and database

**NB: All patients have direct open access to the acute area whilst under the care of the CCTH team.**