

List Avoidable factors that could have contributed to the encephalopathy (See Appendix A)

Likely Cause of NNE (circle the appropriate option and provide details)

This should be determined after joint assessment and discussion of the case by the obstetric and neonatal teams, taking into account obstetric factors and neonatal findings

- HIE (labour-related):
- Infections:
- CNS anomalies/ genetic syndrome:
- Vascular:
- Metabolic:
- Neonatal abstinence syndrome
- Other: _____

Availability (this assessment should only be done after the joint discussion between obstetric and neonatal teams). This refers to the care the health service provided, not to patient-behaviour related factors. Choose one of the options below

1. There was no substandard care. The neonatal encephalopathy could not have been avoided.
2. There was substandard care but this did not impact on the neonatal outcome. The neonatal encephalopathy could not have been avoided.
3. There was substandard care which might have impacted on the neonatal outcome. The neonatal encephalopathy could possibly have been avoided, or its severity reduced
4. There was substandard care which definitely impacted on the neonatal outcome. The neonatal encephalopathy could definitely have been avoided, or its severity reduced.

