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THOUSANDS of **children** are being infected with E.coli resistant to antibiotics, a study has warned.

Bacteria causing urinary infections in kids have learnt to fight off medicines' effects.

In tests, half the samples taken from tots with E.coli, which causes 80 per cent of urinary problems, were resistant to amoxicillin, the most commonly used antibiotic.

A third were unaffected by a more powerful medicine, co-trimoxazole, and a quarter by another type, trimethoprim.

It is estimated at least 200,000 underfives a year are treated for urinary infections in England and Wales.

The research at Bristol University and Imperial College London pooled data from Tough . .

nearly 60 studies of 77,000 E.coli samples. Resistance was higher if a child had the same antibiotic before.

Fears are growing that science could run out of drugs to beat superbugs.

Prof Mark Fielder, of Kingston University, said: "This study may alter clinical practise because we need to limit the spread of resistance."

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