

FOI 3278

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## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

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**Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information regarding Lipoprotein(a) [Lp(a)] testing at your Health and Social Care Trust:**

**Craigavon Area Hospital (Craigavon)  
Daisy Hill Hospital (Newry)  
South Tyrone Hospital (Dungannon)  
Lurgan Hospital (Lurgan)**

**Does your Trust currently offer Lipoprotein(a) [Lp(a)] blood testing? (Yes/No)  
If yes, please provide the total number of Lp(a) tests requested or performed per year, for the last four financial years (2020–21 to 2023–24), broken down if possible as follows:**

- **Does your Trust currently offer Lipoprotein(a) [Lp(a)] blood testing? (Yes/No)**
  - **If yes, please provide the total number of Lp(a) tests requested or performed per year, for the last four financial years (2020–21 to 2023–24), broken down if possible as follows:**
    - **a. Requested by primary care**
    - **b. Requested by secondary care (hospital clinics or inpatients)**
- **If available, please provide the number of Lp(a) tests that returned a raised result, as defined locally (e.g. >125 nmol/L or >50 mg/dL), per year over the same period.**
- **If available, please provide the number of unique patients tested for Lp(a) per year (i.e. not total test counts, but distinct individuals).**
- **If Lp(a) testing is not currently available at your Trust, do you refer these tests to an external laboratory or partner organisation? (Yes/No – please specify name of partner if possible)**

### **Response:**

The Southern Health & Social Care Trust does not offer lipoprotein(a) testing. This is a referred test which was previously sent to Cardiff and Vale University Local Health Board. Since April 2025 the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust performs this test for the Northern Ireland region.

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