

FOI 1568

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request answers to the following questions in relation to H.Pylori testing in hospitals throughout your Trust please.

- 1. How do you test for *H. Pylori* infection during upper GI endoscopies? Please specify what tests you use, e.g., Culture Biopsy (Pathology), Urease.**

Urease

- 2. How many H. Pylori tests are performed in a typical month?**

Approx. 180-200 per month

- 3. Who decides to purchase H. Pylori tests?**

The current urease test offers a result in 5 minutes which is why the Trust moved to this particular one

- 4. Which *H.Pylori* test(s) do you use most?**

Bio Hit helicobactor UFT 300

- 5. Why do you use these tests most?**

Early result allows the endoscopist to suggest treatment immediately for GP to prescribe for day cases and allows patient to be advised prior to discharge of diagnosis

- 6. Where in the hospital is the test usually done, and by whom?**

During upper GI endoscopy as part of the OGD procedure

- 7. What medication do you use to treat H, Pylori? Please give drug name and brand.**

Up to GP to prescribe for day cases, various triple therapies can considered depending on patient's allergy status.

8. What is the typical cost per test? Please give an estimate for unbranded or laboratory own tests.

142 for a pack of 50 tests

9. Do you use a Urease test for H. Pylori? If not, what type of test do you use? E.g. breath test, culture, etc. H pylori

Urease test for H pylori

10. If you use a Urease test for H. Pylori, what type of Urease H. Pylori test do you use? Please give drug name and brand

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