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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 15th March 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding H.Pylori Testing

On 20th March 2023 we contacted you via email as we required a timeframe in order to collate the information

On 21st March 2023 you replied via email with:
'We are looking to discover current processes for H.Pylori testing; therefore, we do not require a timescale as the information should be current.'

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 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, eg, Culture Biopsy (Pathology), Urease.

A1 Urease test

Q2 How many H. Pylori tests are performed in a typical month?

A2 On average 150-200 per month

Q3 Who decides to purchase H. Pylori tests?

A3 They are ordered by our housekeeper approximately every month at the request of the Senior Staff Nurse who monitors stock levels

Q4 Which H.Pylori test(s) do you use most?

A4 BIOHIT UFT300 Helicobacter pylori Quick Test

Q5 Why do you use these tests most?

A5 Cost and quick result time

Q6 Where in the hospital is the test usually done, and by whom?

A6 Endoscopy Department by the Endoscopist

Q7 What medication do you use to treat H. Pylori? Please give drug name and brand.

A7 Typically: Omeprazole, Amoxicillin, Metronidazole. There is no particular brand, we use whatever is dispensed by pharmacy

Q8 What is the typical cost per test? Please give an estimate for unbranded or laboratory own tests.

A8 Approximately £1.70 per test

Q9 Do you use a Urease test for H. Pylori? If not, what type of test do you use? Eg breath test, culture, etc.

A9 Yes we use urease tests

Q10 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

A10 BIOHIT UFT300 Helicobacter pylori Quick Test

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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