

Ref: FOIA Reference 2024/25-513

Date: 30th December 2024

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear Sir/ Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 1st November 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) OH services

Q1 Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information on behalf of [REDACTED], and kindly request that you provide this information in the following format:

In an Excel spreadsheet with information for Q 6 – 21 broken down by each pathology provider in your Trust

- 1. What is the size of your Trust's serviceable population?**
- 2. How many patients has the Trust tested for the following clinical biochemical markers in the last 12 months?**
 - a. C-reactive protein (CRP)**
 - b. High-sensitivity C-reactive protein (hs-CRP)**
 - c. Lipoprotein-a (Lp(a))**
- 3. Is there a limit to the frequency of the following tests per patient?**
 - a. C-reactive protein (CRP)**
 - b. High-sensitivity C-reactive protein (hs-CRP)**
 - c. Lipoprotein-a (Lp(a))**
- 4. Please provide the name and post code of all the pathology providers in your Trust**

5. Do you outsource any testing to commercial labs? If yes, please provide the names of each commercial provider

Please answer the following questions for each pathology provider in your Trust

- 6. Does the laboratory currently offer testing for the following?**
 - a. C-reactive protein (CRP)**
 - b. High-sensitivity C-reactive protein (hs-CRP)**
 - c. Lipoprotein-a (Lp(a))**
- 7. What is the average turnaround time for an outpatient from blood sample collection to sharing of results for CRP and hs-CRP?**
- 8. Is CRP offered as a standalone test or part of a panel?**
- 9. Is hs-CRP offered as a standalone test or part of a panel?**
- 10. What machines are used to conduct CRP testing in your laboratory?**
- 11. What machines are used to conduct hs-CRP testing in your laboratory?**
- 12. What is the lowest limit of detection (in mg/L) that you report for CRP?**

13. What is the lowest limit of detection (in mg/L) that you report for hs-CRP?
14. How many requests for measurement of CRP did your laboratory complete in the last 12 months?
15. How many requests for measurement of hs-CRP did your laboratory complete in the last 12 months?
16. What is the maximum number of CRP tests that your laboratory can conduct in one month?
17. What is the maximum number of hs-CRP tests that laboratory can conduct in one month?
18. What is the cost of running a single CRP test in your laboratory? Please provide a breakdown of cost of running the test and all-in cost considering operations, FTEs etc.
19. What is the cost of running a single hs-CRP test in your laboratory? Please provide a breakdown of cost of running the test and all-in cost considering operations, FTEs etc.
20. How much are you reimbursed for a single CRP test in your laboratory?
21. How much are you reimbursed for a single hs-CRP test in your laboratory?

A1 Please see attached spread sheet

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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.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

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Yours,



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