



Ref: FOIA Reference 2024/25-253

Date: 22nd July 2024

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 16th July 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding patients with ASCVD and Lipoprotein(a) testing

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 VB FOI ID 1617: FOI Request, Management of patients with ASCVD and Lipoprotein(a) testing.
Please find below a Freedom of Information request relating to the management of patients with ASCVD and Lipoprotein(a) testing:

Question 1: Does University Hospital of North Midlands NHS Trust have any guidelines/ policies for the treatment and/or management of patients who have peripheral arterial disease (PAD) or have experienced a myocardial infarction (MI) or stroke?	Yes/No If Yes, please provide a copy.
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A1 The Trust considers your request to be exempt from disclosure in accordance with section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act as to release this information would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of the Trust. The Trust has applied the public interest test to this request and feels that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure. Note: Partners pay an annual subscription of £5250

Question 2: Does University Hospital of North Midlands NHS Trust have any guidelines/ policies for testing Lipoprotein(a) (LP(a)) levels in patients who have experienced peripheral arterial disease (PAD) or have experienced a myocardial infarction (MI) or stroke?	Yes/No If Yes, please provide a copy.
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A2 As answer 1, however, where relevant it is included in the guideline

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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.

Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

Yours,



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Data Security and Protection Manager - Records