

Date: 27 July 2021 Our reference: N/21/3317

**Dear Requestor** 

RE: Freedom of Information Request

With reference to your request for information I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information that you have requested. A response to each part of your request is below.

In the request you asked:

- Is the NT-proBNP test commissioned for use for diagnosis of suspected heart failure in primary care in your CCG? Yes/No No, NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG do not commission the NT-proBNP test.
- 2. If Yes, are there any restrictions or limitations in place for a healthcare professional to request NT-proBNP? Yes/No Not applicable.
- 3. If Yes, please detail i.e we restrict NT-proBNP as a test to request on our GP system by cost or patient demographic Not applicable.

If you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group have an internal review procedure through which you can raise any concerns you might have. Further details of this procedure can be obtained by contacting Lucy Branson, Associate Director of Governance via <a href="mailto:lucy.branson@nhs.net">lucy.branson@nhs.net</a> or by writing to NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG, Sir John Robinson House, Sir John Robinson Way, Arnold, Nottingham, NG5 6DA.

If you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office, who will consider whether the organisation has complied with its obligations under the Act, and can require the organisation to remedy any problems. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: <a href="https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/">https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/</a>

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Officer on behalf of NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group.

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