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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 partially hold the information that you have requested. A response to each part of your request is below.

In the request you asked:

1. Do you have a clear pathway in primary care for the investigation of non-cancer related lower gastrointestinal symptoms that include the use of faecal calprotectin tests? If yes, please attach a copy.

Please see attached local faecal calprotectin guideline.

2. Are a) qFIT and b) faecal calprotectin tests available in primary care in your area and for what indications?

Both tests are available in primary care. Indications for calprotectin are included in attached guidelines. Primary care must provide a positive qFIT result when making a 2 week wait colorectal referral for altered bowel habit, abdominal mass, abdominal pain, unexplained weight loss, iron deficiency anaemia, and rectal bleeding.

3. Are a) qFIT and b) faecal calprotectin tests available in secondary care in your area and for what indications?

The ICB does not hold this information. You may wish to contact the Trusts to request this information. How to submit a Freedom of Information request to each Trust can be found on their website as linked below.

Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust - <https://www.nuh.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information>

Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - <https://www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk/about-us/contact-us/freedom-of-information-act-access-information-from-a-public-body/>

Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - <https://www.dbth.nhs.uk/contact/freedom-of-information/>

If you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) 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 lucy.branson@nhs.net or by writing to FOI Team at NHS

Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB, Sir John Robinson House, Sir John Robinson Way, Arnold, Daybrook, Nottingham, NG5 6DA.

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Complaints to the Information Commissioner's Office should be sent to:

FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone 0303 123 1113 or report a concern via <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information (FOI) Officer on behalf of *NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board*

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