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Dear Requestor

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your request for information, received on 6 March 2025, regarding primary care-associated *Helicobacter pylori* testing). We have processed your request in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Under the FOIA, public authorities like ours are required to respond to requests for information within 20 working days. In response to your request, I can confirm that we partially hold the information requested.

**Please find below our response to your request:**

Question 1: Clinical guidance and care pathways

Which guidance and clinical care pathways are used in your ICS with respect to the primary care management and diagnosis of dyspepsia and related *Helicobacter pylori* testing?

Please see the following link which is publicly available -

<https://www.nottsapc.nhs.uk/media/ywedjlbq/eradication-of-helicobacter-pylori.pdf>

Question 2: Test Types and Volumes

With respect to *Helicobacter pylori* tests requested by primary care within your ICS, what types of test (e.g., stool antigen test, urea breath test, serology), and how many of each type of test were requested during the most recent 12-month period, or other defined accounting period for which data is available?

The ICB does not hold this information.

Question 3: Cost and Payment Structure for Testing

How are *Helicobacter pylori* tests paid for across your ICS? For example, are tests charged on a per-test basis, covered under a global contract for testing services, or a combination of both? If charged per test, please specify the price per test for each test type (e.g., stool antigen test, urea breath test, serology).

The ICB does not hold this information due to the testing being considered part of business as usual.

Serology is available as a routine test ordered from the local laboratory and paid for as part of the contract for laboratory services.

Urea breath tests are performed using kits that can be ordered via FP10: the cost incurred (standard tariff) is accounted for under the pharmaceutical budget.

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Yours sincerely

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