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Freedom of information request

I am writing in response to your request for information which has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your questions and our response are below.

1. What was the size of the patient population covered by your Trust in 2015? [This information is not recorded.](#)
2. How many patients were diagnosed with heart failure by your Trust in 2015? [415 patients were diagnosed with heart failure in 2015.](#)
3. Does your Trust follow NICE guidelines to support the diagnosis of suspected heart failure? [Yes.](#)
If not, what guidance does your Trust follow? Please provide a copy If not, what guidance does your Trust follow? Please provide a copy [n/a](#)
- 3a Please provide the details – including the manufacturer and brand name – of those tests used to support the diagnosis of heart failure [Roche diagnostics cardiac NT pro BNP](#)
4. Does your Trust follow NICE guidelines to support the management of chronic heart failure? [Yes.](#) If not, what guidance does your Trust follow? Please provide a copy
- 4a Please provide the details – including the manufacturer and brand name – of those tests used to support the management of chronic heart failure [Roche diagnostics cardiac NT pro BNP](#)
Does your Trust use NTproBNP or BNP testing to support the diagnosis of heart failure in patients presenting through A&E? [No, not through A&E.](#)
5. How many NTproBNP tests were performed by your Trust in 2015? Please provide the manufacturer and brand name of the test used [2891 NT Pro BNP tests were carried out in 2015, 2759 from primary care and 132 from within the Hospital](#)
6. Are there any restrictions for using NTproBNP or BNP tests? If yes, please explain [Access to NT pro BNP within the hospital is demand managed by consultants.](#)

7. How many echocardiographs were performed at your Trust in 2015? There were 5322 echocardiograms performed in 2015.
8. What was the average waiting time for an echocardiogram at your Trust in 2015? Waiting time for an echocardiogram in 2015 was 32 days.