

Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing to respond to your request sent [REDACTED] [REDACTED] April 2016. Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust can confirm that it holds the data that you requested.

- What was the size of the patient population covered by your Trust in 2015?

The population is 688,000 for Oxfordshire and the tertiary referral population for the Heart Centre is 2,2 million

- How many patients were diagnosed with heart failure by your Trust in 2015?

Patient data is collated every financial year e.g. April 2015 – March 2016. From April - December 2015 the number would be around 750. Please note that these are not all new diagnosis, but admission due to heart failure. It is impossible to find out how many out-patients would have been diagnosed with HF as they could be seen by any of the cardiologists.

- Does your Trust follow NICE guidelines to support the diagnosis of suspected heart failure?

The service is in the process of developing new OUH HF management protocol based on the NICE acute HF guidelines; under FOIA s22, the Trust reserves the right to withhold this information for future publication.

- Please provide the details – including the manufacturer and brand name – of those tests used to support the diagnosis of heart failure– BNP and Echocardiography testing is used. The brands used Philips and General Electric.

- Does your Trust follow NICE guidelines to support the management of chronic heart failure? If not, what guidance does your Trust follow?

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- Please provide the details – including the manufacturer and brand name – of those tests used to support the management of chronic heart failure most management of HF, once diagnosis is confirmed.

The Trust does not use tests, but patients are clinically assessed using clinical assessment tools.

- Does your Trust use NTproBNP or BNP testing to support the diagnosis of heart failure in patients presenting through A&E? BNP is available, and the new acute HF protocol advocates BNP to be tested for anyone with suspected acute HF with no prior diagnosis

How many NTproBNP tests were performed by your Trust in 2015? Please provide the manufacturer and brand name of the test used.

The Trust uses BNP testing only and no NTproBNP tests were carried out in 2015.

Are there any restrictions for using NTproBNP or BNP tests? If yes, please explain.

The service is unaware of any restrictions.

- How many echocardiographs were performed at your Trust in 2015?

Approximately 11k across both sites, inpatients and outpatients.

Horton – 1900 (IP 400, OP 1500)

JR- 9500 (IP 1800, OP 7,700)

- What was the average waiting time for an echocardiogram at your Trust in 2015?

OP < 4 weeks, IP < 72hrs

Please note that on 1 November 2011 the Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals NHS Trust (ORH) merged with the Nuffield Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Trust (NOC) to form the Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust (OUH). Our response reflects these changes. Therefore, we consider that Oxford University Hospitals Trust has released to you all of the information that it holds in relation to your request.

Internal review

If you are dissatisfied with the service or response to your request you can ask for an internal review by writing to:

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Yours sincerely,

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