

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION RESPONSE

FOI 3322

Acute coronary syndrome

- Which test(s) does the Trust use to diagnose patients who present with suspected acute myocardial infarction (AMI)? Please give details of tests used - including the brand and name of the test(s). **History, clinical examination, ECG, blood tests including hsTnT amongst other biochemistry tests. The hsTnT is by the Roche method**
- What, if any, guidelines or protocols does the Trust follow to support the diagnosis of suspected AMI? Please give details. **Please see attached.**
- Does your Trust use early rule-out protocols to diagnose AMI? If so, please give details. **Please see attached.**
- What is the average waiting time for a diagnosis following a suspected AMI at the Trust? **We do not collect these data so are unable to answer the question.**
- What is the target turn-around-time for tests used in the diagnosis of AMI in the Trust? What percentage of tests are performed within this target turn-around-time? **Agreed TAT for ED samples is 95% within 1 hour 30 mins. Data from ED for the hsTnt test ranging from April 2015 to September 2015 is 96.58% of samples were analysed in 1 hour 30 mins or less.**
- How long has the Trust and/or hospitals within the Trust been using their current troponin test(s)? **The hsTnT test has been in place since early 2012, (April 2012).**