

FOI 0533 2025 Response

Request

FOI request seeks to establish the types, numbers, costs and timings of *Helicobacter pylori* tests performed by your Trust (or on its behalf) for primary care providers.

Question 1: Your Trust

In your response to this FOI request, could you please specify the identity of the parts of your Trust for which this FOI is relevant, and for which you are responding.

Question 2: Types of Tests and Providers Which types of tests relevant for the primary care diagnosis of *Helicobacter pylori* (e.g., stool antigen test, urea breath test, serology) do you perform within your Trust, or have performed on your behalf by a Third party? If outsourced, could you please specify the Third party used.

Question 3: Test Types and Volumes

How many *Helicobacter pylori* tests of each of these types were performed by your Trust or on its behalf in the most recent 12-month period, or other defined accounting period for which data is available?

Question 4: Requirements for in-Person Testing Which types of tests required the in-person attendance of the patient at your Trust or its Third-party provider for testing, how many such in-person attendances were required, and what was the average time taken between patient arrival and departure?

Question 5: Turnaround Time for Test Results Specifying each type of *Helicobacter pylori* test performed by your Trust, or on its behalf, could you please provide the average time (in hours) between receipt of sample to transmission of test result to the GP practice?

Question 6: Test costs and Tariffs

For each type of *Helicobacter pylori* test performed by your Trust or on its behalf, what is the total cost of performing the test to your Trust or the Third party provider (i.e., personnel, infrastructure, reagents and consumables, etc)? What does your Trust charge for performing each of these tests? Do these tests correspond to standard NHS tariffs or HRG codes? If so, could you please specify the tariff code and amount charged for each test type.

Response

Please note that Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health Foundation Trust explicitly provide mental health services and do not provide physical healthcare like an Acute Trust.

Your request for information is therefore not applicable to the Trust.