

Ref: CCG September 005 2016

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26th September 2016,

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 6th September 2016, with regards access and referral to faecal calprotectin (FCP) testing.

Request/**Response**

1. In October 2013, the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) recommended that FCP testing could be used to support clinicians in differentiating IBD from IBS*. Does your CCG currently offer FCP testing as part of their routine clinical practice within primary care?

Yes

2. How many FCP tests (either point of care (POC) or laboratory based FCP testing) were requested by GPs per practice population within your CCG between 1st April 2015 and 30th March 2016?

FCP Tests requested from 1st April 15 – 31st March 16 = 44

3. How many of these tests were recorded as positive/high risk?

FCP tests positive/high risk from 1st April 15 – 31st March 16 = 27

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Should you require any further information, clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

Yours sincerely,

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