

**Ref: CCG 40039**

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29<sup>th</sup> August 2017,

Dear

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 7<sup>th</sup> August, with regards to cardiology investigations.

**Request/*Response***

Would you be so kind to please send me information regarding several aspects of cardiology investigations?

The cardiac investigation tests are:

- a) 24-Hour Holter monitor (also known as 24-Hour ECG)
- b) 48-Hour Holter Monitor
- c) 72-Hour Holter Monitor
- d) 7-day Holter Monitor
- e) Echocardiogram (also known as 'Cardiac Ultrasound')
- f) 24-hour Blood Pressure Monitor
- g) Exercise Tolerance test

For each of the tests stated above, please may you provide the following information from years 2014-present (financial years acceptable):

1. Cost of each individual test.
2. Number of tests requested
3. Average waiting time for each test i.e. from request to examination.
4. Breach time (if any) for each test.

**Response: In regards to the questions 1-4, please find attached spread sheet about Cardiac Investigation Tests.**

5. Cost of breaching on each said test.
6. Should individual test cost not be available, please can you provide a gross cost for said years.
7. Should any tests be part of a wider 'deal', please may you state the specifics of such an agreement.

**Response: In regards to question 5-7, we are unable to provide you with the information you have requested under section 1 (1)(a) of the FOI Act. This is because Liverpool Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) does not hold the information you have requested.**

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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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