

FOI REF: 23/493

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

- 1) **Regarding patients with an inherited cardiac condition (such as hypertrophic cardiomyopathy), what centres within the ICS would they be under the care of?**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust's (ESHT) patients would be under the care of St Bartholomew's Hospital, St Thomas' Hospital and St George's Hospitals. Please note that these are not within the local ICS.

- 2) **Does East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust have a dedicated inherited cardiac conditions team?**

ESHT have a joint care model with the centres above. Heart Failure Consultants have previous experience and an interest in this condition.

- 3) **If they do not have a dedicated team or would not treat the condition, where would patients be referred to?**

Not applicable.

- 4) **Specifically, would a local hospital manage drug treatment up until the stage of surgery (septal ablation or surgical myectomy)? If surgery is not offered, where would the patient be referred to?**

ESHT would manage medically and refer to St Bartholomew's Hospital for opinion on septal ablation.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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