

FOI REF: 24/637

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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:

Availability of NT-proBNP testing

1. **How many Community Diagnostic Centres are currently operational in your area?**

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2. **Is NT-proBNP testing for suspected heart failure currently available within local Community Diagnostic Centres? (please specify if any local Community Diagnostic Centres do not offer NT-proBNP testing)**

No.
3. **If NT-proBNP testing for suspected heart failure is not currently available, are there any plans to introduce it in future?**

No.

Testing Volume

4. **How many NT-proBNP blood tests have been performed by the local Community Diagnostic Centre between January 2021 to August 2024?**

Not applicable.
5. **How many BNP blood tests have been performed by the local Community Diagnostic Centre between January 2021 to August 2024?**

Not applicable.

6. **How many patients with a suspected diagnosis of heart failure have accessed the local Community Diagnostic Centre between January 2021 to August 2024?**

Not applicable.

Guidelines

7. **What guidelines are in place for the local Community Diagnostic Centre to follow in relation to administering BNP and or NT-proBNP tests for patients with a suspected diagnosis of heart failure?**

Not applicable.

8. **What referral pathways should be followed by the local Community Diagnostic Centre in relation to patients with a suspected diagnosis of heart failure?**

Not applicable.

Targets/metrics

9. **What assessment has the local Community Diagnostic Centre made of local population need and the likely demand for BNP and/or NT-proBNP testing for patients with a suspected diagnosis of heart failure?**

Not applicable.

10. **Based on local demographics, what assessment has the local Community Diagnostic Centre made of the number of patients with a suspected diagnosis of heart failure that should be seen by the centre on an annual basis?**

Not applicable.

Scaling up

11. **What assessment has the local Community Diagnostic Centre made of the need to increase access to BNP and/or NT-proBNP testing – including projections of growing need and increases in the number of people at risk of heart failure?**

Not applicable.

12. **What assessment has been made of the barriers that may impact the ability of local Community Diagnostic Centres to meet future demands for access to BNP and/or NT-proBNP testing?**

Not applicable.

13. **What assessment has been made of additional resources required by local Community Diagnostic Centres to meet rising demand for BNP and/or NT-proBNP testing over the next 12 months; 18 months; and 5 years?**

Not applicable.

- 14. What resource has been allocated to local Community Diagnostic Centres for the acquirement of point of care testing capabilities and administration of BNP and/or NT-proBNP tests?**

Not applicable.

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

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Yours sincerely

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