Maidstone and **NHS** Tunbridge Wells

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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to abdominal aortic aneurysms.

You asked:

Are you able to provide me with a copy of the protocols the Trust use in terms of monitoring Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms (AAAs)?

Trust response:

The Trust runs a surveillance clinic (not a screening clinic) for incidentally detected small asymptomatic AAAs:

3cm-54mm diameter

First 2 scans 6 months apart to establish baseline growth rate, then annual for AAAs <50mm

6 monthly scans for those that show rapid growth or between 50 & 54mm Consideration for treatment at 55mm+