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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 aortic dissection.

You asked:

- 1. Do you have a policy and/or written procedures for how your trust responds to patients presenting at A&E with chest pain or suspected heart related conditions?*
- 2. Do you have a policy and/or written procedures for managing suspected aortic dissection?*
- 3. Do you have a policy and/or written procedures for managing aortic dissection once diagnosed? Please provide a copy of these*
- 4. If you have a policy or procedures in place regarding aortic dissection, what is the trust's process for ensuring that all clinical staff are made aware and are reminded?*
- 5. If you provide training, please provide a copy of the training material. Do you have any training / induction to ensure that all staff are familiar with it?*

Trust response:

1. Yes, we have an acute coronary syndrome (ACS) pathway – although not specifically for suspected aortic dissection
2. Not specifically no – until they are diagnosed then yes
3. Cases are discussed with our vascular or cardiothoracic surgeons who advise on management and arrange transfer
4. Regular teaching, induction, senior availability and online resources
5. Not applicable