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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 H.Pylori Testing.

*You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.*

1. *How do you test for H. Pylori infection during upper GI endoscopies? Please specify what tests you use, eg, Culture Biopsy (Pathology), Urease.*
2. *How many H. Pylori tests are performed in a typical month?*
3. *Who decides to purchase H. Pylori tests?*
4. *Which H.Pylori test(s) do you use most?*
5. *Why do you use these tests most?*
6. *Where in the hospital is the test usually done, and by whom?*
7. *What medication do you use to treat H, Pylori? Please give drug name and brand.*
8. *What is the typical cost per test? Please give an estimate for unbranded or laboratory own tests.*
9. *Do you use a Urease test for H. Pylori? If not, what type of test do you use? Eg breath test, culture, etc.*
10. *If you use a Urease test for H. Pylori, what type of Urease H. Pylori test do you use? Please give drug name and brand*

Trust response:

1. In Endoscopy we use BIOHIT Helicobacter pylori UFT300 quick test. We also do formal biopsies that are sent to Pathology.
2. Stool antigen 300/month
3. Microbiology for stool antigen
4. Stool antigen
5. Easy for patients, non-invasive can be performed both in acute and direct access service
6. Microbiology (for stool antigen)

7. I have been unable to obtain this information. If you still require this data can you please let me know and I will continue to chase.
8. The Trust is applying Section 43 to this question.
9. Oncology - breath tests, Endoscopy - BIOHIT Helicobacter pylori UFT300 quick test.
10. Not applicable.