

Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

1. How do you test for *H. Pylori* infection during upper GI endoscopies? Please specify what tests you use, eg, Culture Biopsy (Pathology), Urease. **If the patient takes a PPI then gastric biopsies are taken and sent for histology**
2. How many *H. Pylori* tests are performed in a typical month? **203 test taken in March 2023**
3. Who decides to purchase *H. Pylori* tests? **Endoscopy**
4. Which *H. Pylori* test(s) do you use most? **Strong helicotec UT plus**
5. Why do you use these tests most? **Quick result within an hour- the brand we have used for many years and had no problem with them**
6. Where in the hospital is the test usually done, and by whom? **In endoscopy – person scoping the patient**
7. What medication do you use to treat *H. Pylori*? Please give drug name and brand. **Endoscopy do not prescribe antibiotics the GP gets a copy of the Hpylori results**
8. What is the typical cost per test? Please give an estimate for unbranded or laboratory own tests. **£70 for a box of 50 test which works out £1.40 per test**
9. Do you use a Urease test for *H. Pylori*? If not, what type of test do you use? Eg breath test, culture, etc. **n/a**
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 **Strong helicotec UT plus**