

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

### Postural Tachycardia Syndrome PoTS

Postural tachycardia syndrome (PoTS) is a neurovascular condition characterised as an abnormal response by the autonomic nervous system to upright posture. The condition causes affected patients of all ages to experience a range of symptoms requiring extensive clinical investigations involving neurology and cardiology specialties to inform a positive diagnosis.

1. What is your estimate of the incidence of PoTS in the population of South Yorkshire and how many patients have been diagnosed with the condition over the last 5 years?
2. Is there evidence of a growth in PoTS diagnoses since May 2020 due to patients suffering with long-Covid?
3. To which specialty within secondary care are PoTS patients referred for investigation, diagnosis and longer-term management?
4. Are there established patient pathways in place for the referral, diagnosis and management of a) adult patients and b) paediatric patients with PoTS in your local population?
5. Do a) adult patients and b) paediatric patients diagnosed with PoTS have access to a specialised PoTS clinic or service for treatment by dedicated clinicians with an interest/expertise in the condition? If so, please provide details of individual adult and paediatric services patients are referred to.
6. How is activity coded for adult and paediatric patients with a diagnosis of PoTS?

Children's are not managed through DBTH service and they do not have a designated pots service just part of the syncope service and don't keep the numbers. We make the diagnosis and offer advice and treatment. STH run a clinic but not accepting regional referrals as too many patients