

**Reference Number:** FOIAH2425/302  
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**Subject:** Diagnostic Tests in Community Diagnostic Hubs

- Q1** Availability of NT-proBNP testing
- How many Community Diagnostic Centres are currently operational in your area?
  - Is NT-proBNP testing for suspected heart failure currently available within local Community Diagnostic Centres? (please specify if any local Community Diagnostic Centres do not offer NT-proBNP testing)
  - If NT-proBNP testing for suspected heart failure is not currently available, are there any plans to introduce it in future?
- A1** [Information not held, no Community Diagnostic Centres in operation at Alder Hey](#)
- Q2** Testing Volume
- How many NT-proBNP blood tests have been performed by the local Community Diagnostic Centre between January 2021 to August 2024?
  - How many BNP blood tests have been performed by the local Community Diagnostic Centre between January 2021 to August 2024?
  - How many patients with a suspected diagnosis of heart failure have accessed the local Community Diagnostic Centre between January 2021 to August 2024?
- A2** [Information not held, no Community Diagnostic Centres in operation at Alder Hey](#)
- Q3** Guidelines
- What guidelines are in place for the local Community Diagnostic Centre to follow in relation to administering BNP and or NT-proBNP tests for patients with a suspected diagnosis of heart failure?
  - What referral pathways should be followed by the local Community Diagnostic Centre in relation to patients with a suspected diagnosis of heart failure?
- A3** [Information not held, no Community Diagnostic Centres in operation at Alder Hey](#)
- Q4** Targets/metrics
- What assessment has the local Community Diagnostic Centre made of local population need and the likely demand for BNP and/or NT-proBNP testing for patients with a suspected diagnosis of heart failure?
  - Based on local demographics, what assessment has the local Community Diagnostic Centre made of the number of patients with a suspected diagnosis of heart failure that should be seen by the centre on an annual basis?
- A4** [Information not held, no Community Diagnostic Centres in operation at Alder Hey](#)
- Q5** Scaling up
- What assessment has the local Community Diagnostic Centre made of the need to increase access to BNP and/or NT-proBNP testing – including projections of growing

need and increases in the number of people at risk of heart failure?

- What assessment has been made of the barriers that may impact the ability of local Community Diagnostic Centres to meet future demands for access to BNP and/or NT-proBNP testing?
- What assessment has been made of additional resources required by local Community Diagnostic Centres to meet rising demand for BNP and/or NT-proBNP testing over the next 12 months; 18 months; and 5 years?
- What resource has been allocated to local Community Diagnostic Centres for the acquirement of point of care testing capabilities and administration of BNP and/or NT-proBNP tests?

A5 Information not held, no Community Diagnostic Centres in operation at Alder Hey