



Freedom of Information request & West Norfolk CCG response

WN-2016-00117 – Faecal Calprotectin Testing

In line with the Freedom of Information Act (2000) we would like to understand the extent of access and referral to faecal calprotectin (FCP) testing as ordered by GPs per practice by your CCG, in order to assist GPs to better differentiate between irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) and suspected inflammatory bowel disease (IBD).

1. In October 2013, the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) recommended that FCP testing could be used to support clinicians in differentiating IBD from IBS*. Does your CCG currently offer FCP testing as part of their routine clinical practice within primary care?

The information requested is not held by the CCG.

It is advised you refer your request to NHS England who are the main commissioners of primary care services and who may hold the information you request. Contact details of their Freedom of Information Act team can be found in the following link:

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/foi/>. You can also contact individual GP practices. A list of GP practices in each CCG can be found on NHS Choices: <http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/CCGListing.aspx>

2. How many FCP tests (either point of care (POC) or laboratory based FCP testing) were requested by GPs per practice population within your CCG between 1st April 2015 and 30th March 2016?

Please see the response to question 1.

You may also find it useful to contact [The Queen Elizabeth Hospital King's Lynn NHS Foundation Trust](#) who may be able to advise.

3. How many of these tests were recorded as positive/high risk?

Please see the responses provided above.