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## **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

Thank you for your request for information received on 3 April 2019 in relation to the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (Trust). We are dealing with your request under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested information regarding High Sensitivity Troponin Assay. Specifically you requested information as follows:

***I am requesting information on following questions related to acute myocardial infarction (AMI) under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.***

***1. Do the hospitals within your Trust use High Sensitivity Troponin Assay to diagnose patients who present with suspected acute myocardial infarction (AMI)?***

Answer: Yes.

***2. If yes, in which year was the High Sensitivity Troponin Assay introduced for this purpose?***

Answer: 2018.

***3. What assay is it (please specify manufacturer) and what threshold is used for a positive test?***

Answer: Siemens.

***4. Is it used for rapid rule-out of AMI to avoid hospital admission?***

Answer: Yes, it is in the process of being audited and validated.

**5. Please send a copy of any guidelines or protocol used by your Trust for the diagnosis of AMI?**

Answer: The Trust does not have a protocol as such for the diagnosis of AMI, we have an early rule-out pathway that we are in the process of validating.

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust website.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number or at the above address.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review by writing to:

The Chief Executive  
County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust  
Darlington Memorial Hospital  
Hollyhurst Road  
Darlington, DL3 6HX

If, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
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Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

**Joanna Tyrrell**  
Freedom of Information Officer