

**Freedom of Information Request****Ref: UHB 18-003**

Date 9 January 2018

By Email

Dear Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trusts response is as follows:

- 1) Do you test newly diagnosed bowel cancer patients in your trust (either contracted or referred) for molecular features of Lynch syndrome using either immunohistochemistry or microsatellite instability testing?**

Yes. The Trust tests everyone under the age of 50 but also according to family history of the disease.

- 2) If yes, at what stage does this testing take place?**

Testing takes place post treatment i.e. test is carried out on the tumour resection specimen only. It also takes place pre-treatment if instigated by Clinical Genetics.

- 3) Is this test carried out as a reflex test i.e. automatically or upon referral?**

This test is carried out upon referral via MDT and Genetics Centre. It is also carried out on the advice of the Consultant Histopathologist.

- 4) In their published adoption support resource NICE suggest identifying a named 'clinical champion' within each colorectal multidisciplinary team to effectively implement testing people for molecular features for Lynch syndrome. Is this established in your trust?**

Yes, Clinical Geneticist or Consultant Histopathologist Dr Newton Wong

- 5) Do you audit diagnostic outcomes within your trust to ensure that every patient is tested for molecular features for Lynch syndrome?**

No

**6) Have you had to submit a business case for funding in order to effectively implement this new guidance?**

The Trust has submitted a business case for funding to allow us to screen tissue samples of all patients with CRC; however we have not yet received a response.

**7) If no such testing is in place, do you have information on whether there are any plans to introduce molecular testing for Lynch syndrome as per NICE guidance?**

Not applicable. See response to question six.

**8) What are the main barriers you have faced if no molecular testing or only selected testing is performed? Please specify.**

The main barriers the Trust has faced have been financial.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

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Yours sincerely,

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