



St Helens and Knowsley
Teaching Hospitals
NHS Trust

Ref no: 172250719
From: Commercial
Date: 25/07/19
Subject: Homozygous Familial Hypercholesterolaemia (HoFH)

REQUEST

I am writing to you today to formally request information relating to the diagnosis and treatment of Homozygous Familial Hypercholesterolaemia (HoFH) at St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust. Specifically, I am after the following information:

1. Does St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust diagnose patients with Homozygous Familial Hypercholesterolaemia (HoFH)? Y/N
 - a. If yes, does your trust diagnose adult patients, paediatric patients or both?
 - b. How many patients in the last calendar year have you diagnosed with this condition? Please provide where available (and applicable) a breakdown by Adult and/or Paediatric Patients.
 - c. Which of the following tests/diagnostic procedures do you use at St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust in relation to the diagnostics of HoFH? For these tests, which ones are you able to carry out “in house”? Of those carried out elsewhere, where are patients referred to have the testing carried out? For answers please use table below.

Test Name	Test used for HoFH diagnosis at this trust Y/N	Test carried out by trust In-house for diagnosis of HoFH Y/N	Details of referral organisation/location for those tests that cannot be carried out by the trust.
Cascade Genetic/DNA Tests			
Dutch Lipid Clinic Network (DLCN) criteria			
Simon Broome Diagnostic Criteria			
Family History			
Cholesterol/LDL Blood Testing			
Other (please specify)			

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- v. Cholesterol/LDL Blood Testing
- vi. Other (please specify details of name of test in the FOI return)

2. Does St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust treat patients with Homozygous Familial Hypercholesterolaemia (HoFH)? Y/N

- a. If no, please specify where patients diagnosed with HoFH are referred to for treatment. Please specify Trust/Organisation Name and Hospital Name where possible.
- b. If yes, does your trust treat adult patients, paediatric patients or both?
 - i. If your trust doesn't treat a subgroup (Adult or Paediatric), to which organisation are this sub group referred to for treatment? Please specify Trust/Organisation Name and Hospital Name where possible.
- c. How many patients in the last calendar year have received treatment for HoFH at St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust? Please provide where available (and applicable) a breakdown by Adult and/or Paediatric Patients.
- d. For HoFH patients requiring Apheresis, are you able to carry out this procedure at St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust? Y/N
 - i. If no, to which organisation(s) do you refer patients to for Apheresis treatment and how many patients are referred to these sites? Please list by trust name and hospital site where available, and where possible/applicable please breakdown patient referrals by Adult and Paediatric.
 - ii. If yes, how many HoFH patients in the past calendar year have been treated by Apheresis by St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust? Please where possible (and applicable) provide with break down by Adult and Paediatric Patients.

RESPONSE

1a-vi) Diabetes & Endocrinology department at STHK does not adult diagnose Homozygous Familial Hypercholesterolaemia. If this condition is suspected we will refer to specialist Lipid clinic at Royal Liverpool University Hospital to investigate and diagnose.

2a-d) No, as above.

