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## Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding cardiac investigation services within NHS South Sefton CCG.

Request/[Response](#):

The cardiac investigation tests are:

- a) **24-Hour Holter Monitor (also known as 24-Hour ECG)**
- b) **48-Hour Holter Monitor**
- c) **72-Hour Holter Monitor**
- d) **7-day Holter Monitor**
- e) **Echocardiogram (also known as 'Cardiac Ultrasound')**
- f) **24-hour Blood Pressure Monitor**
- g) **Exercise Tolerance test**

For each of the tests stated above, please may you provide the following information from years 2014-present (financial years acceptable):

1. **Cost of each individual test** – [an average cost of each test as per PbR has been included.](#)
2. **Number of tests requested** – [the total number of tests carried out has been included.](#)
3. **Average waiting time for each test i.e. from request to examination** – [an average waiting time as per the national diagnostics standard has been included \(where applicable\).](#)
4. **Breach time (if any) for each test** – [if the patient matches the criteria for the national diagnostics standard, the target is 6 weeks.](#)
5. **Cost of breaching on each said test** - [Where the number of Service Users waiting 6 weeks or more at the end of the month exceeds the tolerance permitted by the threshold, £200 in respect of each such Service User above that threshold.](#)

[Please see Appendix 1. Appendix 1 presents the information we hold relevant to the FOI request, however you may like to contact Aintree University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for further information, as at present we do not hold the data from Aintree University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust in this format.](#)

For information: The national diagnostics waiting times information is published on the NHS England statistics website. Please see the following link <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/>