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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which was received into this office on the 14th December 2018.

You Asked for:

1. Any care pathways for the investigation and management of patients with symptomatic palpitations and/or syncope referred to cardiac services in your trust by GPs. Of particular interest is the role and positioning of diagnostic investigations such as cardiac rhythm monitoring, cardiac imaging and cardiovascular performance assessment.
2. Details of both national and locally negotiated tariff arrangements applied to this service
3. Does the GP have direct access to the cardiac monitoring service?
4. Is the patient seen by a cardiologist before having the monitor attached?
5. If not, who undertakes the process (e.g. technician, nurse etc)
6. What is the first pass monitoring technology (e.g. 24hr, 48hr, 7-day event triggered etc)
7. What happens after the first pass monitoring – are all seen by a cardiologist or is there a pre-appointment triage process?
8. What other tests are ordered (e.g. 12-lead ECG, Echo etc), at which stage in the pathway and for which patients?
9. What determines who is selected for 2nd pass monitoring and what technology is used for this?
10. What determines who is discharged back to the GP?
11. What is the current tariff for 24 hr, 48 hr, 7-day Holter Monitoring
12. What is the tariff for referral to community cardiology investigation clinics
13. What is the tariff for direct referrals for GPs for 24hr, 48 hr and 7-day Holter Monitoring

Our Response:

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group does not hold this information. Please can I recommend that you redirect your query to Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust. I have included their contact details below for your convenience.

wih-tr.accesstoinformationoffice@nhs.net

We hope this information is useful, however if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Corporate Affairs Team (contact details at the top of this letter)

Yours sincerely

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