

Title:  
H.Pylori Testing

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

Please be aware that the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Royal Devon) has existed since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 following the integration of the Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust (known as Northern Services) and the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust (known as Eastern Services).

*Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request answers to the following questions in relation to H.Pylori testing in hospitals throughout your Trust please.*

No.	Question	Eastern Services	Northern Services
1	<i>How do you test for H. Pylori infection during upper GI endoscopies ? Please specify what tests you use, eg, Culture Biopsy (Pathology), Urease.</i>	Mainly Urease but occasionally culture biopsy	biopsy - 5 minute test
2	<i>How many H. Pylori tests are performed in a typical month?</i>	Approximately 25 a month	on average 45 - 50 a month
3	<i>Who decides to purchase H. Pylori tests?</i>	Stores manager will order when stocks are low	endoscopy lead
4	<i>Which H.Pylori test(s) do you use most?</i>	BIOHIT UFT300	BIOHIT healthcare UFT300H.Pylori
5	<i>Why do you use these tests most?</i>	These tests provide a more accurate result for the Endoscopist	provides a result in 5 minutes
6	<i>Where in the hospital is the test usually done, and by whom?</i>	Endoscopy procedure room by the personal under taking the procedure	Endoscopy
7	<i>What medication do you use to treat H, Pylori? Please give drug name and brand.</i>	Omeprazole, alongside 2 Antibiotics dependent on allergies	GP to prescribe the treatment
8	<i>What is the typical cost per test? Please give an estimate for unbranded or laboratory own tests.</i>	£2.19 each test	£2.19 each test

9	<i>Do you use a Urease test for H. Pylori? If not, what type of test do you use? Eg breath test, culture, etc.</i>	It is used for H Pylori only	Not now, we use the 5 minute test
10	<i>If you use a Urease test for H. Pylori, what type of Urease H. Pylori test do you use? Please give drug name and brand</i>	BIOHIT UFT300 and Regent	This question is not applicable.