



12 March 2019

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DECISION NOTICE

Dear Requester

FOI Reference Number: 000230

I refer to your email of 20 February requesting information in respect of ECGs.

I can confirm on behalf of Great Yarmouth and Waveney and Norwich CCGs and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do hold some of the information that you have requested.

A response to each element of your request is detailed below:

1. Are GPs / GP practices in your CCG able to perform 24 hour ECGs? If yes, please advise which device models, if any, are approved for use by your organisation for this purpose?
[This information is not held by the CCGs. We would recommend contacting GP practices directly for this.](#)

2. Are GPs / GP practices in your CCG able to refer directly to a community / secondary care provider for 24 hour ECGs? [As 1](#)

3. How many 24 hour ECGs (Holter Monitor Tests) were carried out annually in your CCG since financial year 2014/15 to the end of financial year 2017-18? If possible, could you please give a breakdown with the numbers performed by secondary, community /intermediate and primary care providers. [See below](#)

[Secondary care Outpatient activity - the data is for patients registered to a Great Yarmouth & Waveney or Norwich CCG GP practice attending a secondary care provider. Data is in financial year, for the year 2018/19 covers months 1-10 \(April-January\).](#)

Year	Commissioner	Primary_Procedure	Activity
2015/16	GtY&W	U195: Holter extended electrocardiographic recording	12
2016/17	GtY&W	U195: Holter extended electrocardiographic recording	19
2017/18	GtY&W	U195: Holter extended electrocardiographic recording	23
2018/19	GtY&W	U195: Holter extended electrocardiographic recording	22

2015/16	Norwich	U195: Holter extended electrocardiographic recording	119
2016/17	Norwich	U195: Holter extended electrocardiographic recording	176
2017/18	Norwich	U195: Holter extended electrocardiographic recording	198
2018/19	Norwich	U195: Holter extended electrocardiographic recording	192

4. Approximately how much reimbursement does each provider type receive for a 24 hour ECG test? Please breakdown (if possible) by GP, Intermediate / Community Provider & Secondary Care Provider / Hospital. [As 1](#)

5. How many Reveal / Implantable Loop Recorder devices (HRG code EY12A + EY12B) were physically inserted in your CCG's patients annually since 2014 to the end of financial year 2017-18? As a surrogate the number of HRG code EY12A + EY12B tariff reimbursements per year would suffice and may be more efficient to collect. [See below](#)

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Year	Commissioner	HRG	Activity
2016/17	GtY&W	EY12B: Implantation of Electrocardiography Loop Recorder with CC Score 0-2	27
2016/17	GtY&W	EY12A: Implantation of Electrocardiography Loop Recorder with CC Score 3+	7
2017/18	GtY&W	EY12A: Implantation of Electrocardiography Loop Recorder with CC Score 3+	8
2017/18	GtY&W	EY12B: Implantation of Electrocardiography Loop Recorder with CC Score 0-2	26
2018/19	GtY&W	EY12A: Implantation of Electrocardiography Loop Recorder with CC Score 3+	4
2018/19	GtY&W	EY12B: Implantation of Electrocardiography Loop Recorder with CC Score 0-2	21
2015/16	Norwich	EY12A: Implantation of Electrocardiography Loop Recorder with CC Score 3+	1
2016/17	Norwich	EY12B: Implantation of Electrocardiography Loop Recorder with CC Score 0-2	25
2016/17	Norwich	EY12A: Implantation of Electrocardiography Loop Recorder with CC Score 3+	3
2017/18	Norwich	EY12A: Implantation of Electrocardiography Loop Recorder with CC Score 3+	12
2017/18	Norwich	EY12B: Implantation of Electrocardiography Loop Recorder with CC Score 0-2	16
2018/19	Norwich	EY12A: Implantation of Electrocardiography Loop Recorder with CC Score 3+	10
2018/19	Norwich	EY12B: Implantation of Electrocardiography Loop Recorder with CC Score 0-2	39

6. What was the estimated average cost per patient to the CCG for each patient undergoing such a Reveal / Implantable Loop Recorder procedure including out-patient attendances, diagnostics, follow up and monitoring? [As 1](#)

I hope that this answers your queries with the information we currently hold, but if I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

If 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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If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided the CCG.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF, telephone 0303 123 1113, email casework@ico.org.uk

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Yours faithfully

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**On behalf of
Great Yarmouth and Waveney,
And Norwich CCGs**