

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/22/503
Chest Pain Clinic

Information Requested:

I believe the rapid cardiac investigations unit is no longer; could you please supply information on its terms of reference or responsibilities at the time (Aug-Oct. 2019)?

Response details:

Please see the below referral criteria and the attached flowchart.

Referral Criteria:

- Patients with new symptoms (less than 3 months) suggestive of benign arrhythmia.
- Normal 12-lead ECG

Patients should not be referred if there is a history of:

- Transient Loss of Consciousness (LOC)
- Evidence of LV Dysfunction
- A family history of sudden death/cardiomyopathy
- Significant Valvular disease
- Abnormal 12 Lead ECG (e.g. LBBB, WPW etc)
- Dyspnoea
- Previous MI
- Previous treatment for arrhythmia

EXCLUSION CRITERIA: (unsuitable for Rapid Access Chest Pain)

- AF/LBBB/Wolff-Parkinson White syndrome.
- BP >200/100mmHg
- Seen by cardiology in last 2 yrs.
- Re-vascularised (last 5 years)
- Cardiac murmurs/Heart failure
- Unexplained syncope
- Symptomatic arrhythmia
- Unexplained/untreated anaemia
- Male < 40 female < 30