

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/23/137**

**H. Pylori**

**Information Requested:**

**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.**

- 1. How do you test for *H. Pylori* infection during upper GI endoscopies? Please specify what tests you use, e.g., Culture Biopsy (Pathology), Urease?**

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) test for H-pylori with a Urease test

- 2. How many H. Pylori tests are performed in a typical month?**

The UHB does not hold this information. Under Section 16, which provides us with the duty to advise and assist, the UHB can inform you that Public Health Wales holds this information on behalf of the UHB, please see their contact details below:

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- 3. Who decides to purchase H. Pylori tests?**

Please see response to question 2.

- 4. Which *H. Pylori* test(s) do you use most?**

Please see response to question 2.

- 5. Why do you use these tests most?**

Please see response to question 2.

- 6. Where in the hospital is the test usually done, and by whom?**

Please see response to question 2.

- 7. What medication do you use to treat H. Pylori? Please give drug name and brand.**

Medication prescribed in the 1<sup>st</sup> instance is Omeprazole, Amoxicillin and Clarithromycin.

- 8. What is the typical cost per test? Please give an estimate for unbranded or laboratory own tests.**

Please see response to question 2.

**9. Do you use a Urease test for H. Pylori? If not, what type of test do you use? E.g. breath test, culture, etc.**

Please see response to question 2.

**10. 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**

Please see response to question 2.