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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding cardiology investigation services within NHS Southport and Formby CCG.

Request/[Response](#):

The cardiac investigation tests are:

- a) **24-Hour Holter Monitor (also known as 24-Hour ECG)**
- b) **48-Hour Holter Monitor**
- c) **72-Hour Holter Monitor**
- d) **7-day Holter Monitor**
- e) **Echocardiogram (also known as 'Cardiac Ultrasound')**
- f) **24-hour Blood Pressure Monitor**
- g) **Exercise Tolerance test**

For each of the tests stated above, please may you provide the following information from years 2014-present (financial years acceptable):

1. **Cost of each individual test** – an average cost of each test as per PbR has been included.
2. **Number of tests requested** – the total number of tests carried out has been included.
3. **Average waiting time for each test i.e. from request to examination** – an average waiting time as per the national diagnostics standard has been included (where applicable).
4. **Breach time (if any) for each test** – if the patient matches the criteria for the national diagnostics standard, the target is 6 weeks.
5. **Cost of breaching on each said test** - Where the number of Service Users waiting 6 weeks or more at the end of the month exceeds the tolerance permitted by the threshold, £200 in respect of each such Service User above that threshold.

Please see [Appendix 1](#).

For information: The national diagnostics waiting times information is published on the NHS England statistics website. Please see the following link <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/>