

Freedom of Information Act 2000

The Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust Response to Information request

Date Request Received:

FOI Ref No 30072

Requested Information:

- Does your Trust currently offer Lipoprotein(a) [Lp(a)] testing? **(Yes/No)**
 - If yes, please provide the total number of Lp(a) tests requested or performed per year, for the last four financial years (2020–21 to 2023–24), broken down if possible as follows:
 - a. Requested by primary care
 - b. Requested by secondary care (hospital clinics or inpatients)
- If available, please provide the number of Lp(a) tests that returned a raised result, as defined locally (e.g. >125 nmol/L or >50 mg/dL), per year over the same period.
- If available, please provide the number of unique patients tested for Lp(a) per year (i.e. not total test counts, but distinct individuals).
- If Lp(a) testing is not currently available at your Trust, do you refer these tests to an external laboratory or partner organisation? (Yes/No – please specify name of partner if possible)

Please provide the response in spreadsheet or table format if possible. If any part of the request exceeds the FOI cost/time limit, please respond to the remaining questions.

Response:

Financial Year	total req (incl. duplicates)	primary care req. (incl. duplicates)	secondary care req (incl. duplicates)	No. raised (>400mg/L) (incl. duplicates)	total req (unique only)
Apr 2020 - Mar 21	96	58	38	38	95
Apr 2021 - Mar 22	95	49	46	26	89
Apr 2022 - Mar 23	92	51	41	36	89
Apr 2023 - Mar 24	406	110	296	150	372
total	689				645

NOTE: Breakdown data is of limited use prior to ~2023/24 because primary care requests were predominantly done on behalf of secondary care (predominantly the lipid service).

Note, our assay has a cut-off of 400mg/L, above which is classed as raised.

Attachment(s):

No attachment(s)

Date Response sent: 2nd September 2025