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Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Request

Please can you answer my below questions about testing for coeliac disease at Dudley hospital:

- It is recommended that TTG and Total IgA are tested for coeliac disease. Do the labs automatically test for 'Total IgA' when receiving a request to test for 'Tissue transglutaminase (TTG)'? Or would the GP need to write down both tests on the blood form to get both tested?
- How is 'Total IgA' requested by the GP? Do they need to select 'Total Immunoglobulins'?
- What are the recommended first line tests that should be requested for coeliac at Dudley hospital?

Response

From a lab point of view, IgA is automatically added to all new/ first time requests for TTg/ Coeliac screen. If the IgA is absent /undetectable then an IgG TTg is automatically reflexed as an alternative IgG-based assay, in keeping with NICE guidance

The Trust is now part of The Black Country Pathology Services

The Black Country Pathology Services (BCPS) partnership will integrate pathology services at The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust (RWT), with Sandwell West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust (SWBH), Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust (DGH) and Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust (WHT). The BCPS will be hosted on site at RWT on behalf of the partnership.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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