

ND ref. **FOI/16/249**

Freedom of Information

Thank you for your 04/09/16 request for the following information:

- 1) *Do any hospitals in the trust perform Endomyocardial Biopsy?*

Answer: No.

a) *If so how many were performed in 2014-15 financial year?*

b) *How many were performed for investigation of Myocarditis?*

Answer: N/A

- 2) *How many patients in 2014-15 were diagnosed with Myocarditis in the trust?*

Answer: ≤5

In accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 we are unable to provide figures where the number of patients is less than or equal to five and could risk the identification of those patients. In these cases ≤5 is used to indicate that a figure between 1 and 5 is being suppressed.

This follows HSCIC analysis guidance (2014) which states that small numbers within local authorities, wards, postcode districts, CCG's providers and Trusts may allow identification of patients and should not be published.

- 3) *Does the Trust refer patients to other centres or trusts for Endomyocardial Biopsy?*

Answer: Yes.

- 4) *If so which centres or trusts do you refer to?*

Answer: London (various centres) and Bristol Heart Institute.

- 5) *Does your trust receive referrals from other centres or trusts for Endomyocardial biopsy?*

Answer: No.

- 6) *If so which trusts?*

Answer: N/A.