

2018-753 - FOI Request - Cardiac rhythm monitoring

<p>1. Any care pathways for the investigation and management of patients with symptomatic palpitations and/or syncope referred to cardiac services in your trust by GPs. Of particular interest is the role and positioning of diagnostic investigations such as cardiac rhythm monitoring, cardiac imaging and cardiovascular performance assessment.</p>	<p>Patients referred from GP's are booked into Cardiology Out-Patient clinic and may have ECG monitoring performed prior to the appointment.</p>
<p>2. Details of both national and locally negotiated tariff arrangements applied to this service.</p>	<p>Comes under aligned incentive contract agreed with CCG.</p>
<p>3. Does the GP have direct access to the cardiac monitoring service?</p>	<p>No.</p>
<p>4. Is the patient seen by a cardiologist before having the monitor attached?</p>	<p>Sometimes. May have monitor prior to clinic appointment.</p>
<p>5. If not, who undertakes the process (e.g. technician, nurse etc.)?</p>	<p>Clinical Physiologist.</p>
<p>6. What is the first pass monitoring technology (e.g. 24hr, 48hr, 7-day event triggered etc.)?</p>	<p>Depends on length and frequency of symptoms.</p>
<p>7. What happens after the first pass monitoring - are all seen by a cardiologist or is there a pre-appointment triage process?</p>	<p>All patients are seen by a Cardiologist either before or after the monitor.</p>
<p>8. What other tests are ordered (e.g. 12-lead ECG, Echo etc.), at which stage in the pathway and for which patients?</p>	<p>12 Lead ECG on day of clinic appointment. Echocardiogram for most patients requested from clinic appointment.</p>
<p>9. What determines who is selected for 2nd pass monitoring and what technology is used for this?</p>	<p>Depends on whether there has been ECG correlation with symptoms. More prolonged ECG event monitoring.</p>

10. What determines who is discharged back to the GP?	Results of investigations.
11. What is the current tariff for 24 hr, 48 hr, 7-day Holter Monitoring?	Comes under aligned incentive agreement with CCG.
12. What is the tariff for referral to community cardiology investigation clinics?	N/A
13. What is the tariff for direct referrals for GPs for 24hr, 48 hr and 7-day Holter Monitoring?	