

Ref. No: 0592  
Date: 11/01/24  
Subject: Audits, Guidelines, and Projects

## REQUEST

Following on from my previous request (FOI0437), please could I ask the following:

### Regarding Question 1:

Would you be able to complete a more limited request for less details? I would accept less information about the audits: providing only the department (surgery or urology), date completed, and title of the audit / QI project. If you could provide this I would be most appreciative.

### Regarding Question 2:

Can I clarify - does this mean none of your sites have a testicle pain / suspected torsion pathway?

### Regarding Question 3:

Does this mean your Trust does not have a hyperkalaemia, or any other high or low electrolytes (sodium, potassium, calcium, magnesium, phosphate) guideline?

## RESPONSE

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust became a single legal entity known as Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023, as such parts of the response may be provided in two sections relating to the hospital sites of each of the legacy organisations.

1. **Would you be able to complete a more limited request for less details? I would accept less information about the audits: providing only the department (surgery or urology), date completed, and title of the audit / QI project. If you could provide this I would be most appreciative.**

Please find information attached.

Please also refer to the Trust's Quality Accounts for further information about improvements made to care and services:

[Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust STHK | Quality Accounts \(merseywestlancs.nhs.uk\)](https://merseywestlancs.nhs.uk/mersey-and-west-lancashire-teaching-hospitals-nhs-trust-sthk-quality-accounts)

[Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust Southport and Ormskirk | Publications \(merseywestlancs.nhs.uk\)](https://merseywestlancs.nhs.uk/mersey-and-west-lancashire-teaching-hospitals-nhs-trust-southport-and-ormskirk-publications)

Section 12: cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit

The Trust would need to undertake a manual review of audits and quality improvement projects to provide the level of detail required over the requested time period, which would exceed the appropriate limit.

Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act, Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust does not have to comply with a request where it is estimated that the cost of compliance would exceed the appropriate limit of £450. The appropriate limit is specified within the regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2½ working days answering the request, either wholly or partially.

**2. Can I clarify - does this mean none of your sites have a testicle pain / suspected torsion pathway?**

We have a pathway in place.

**3. Does this mean your Trust does not have a hyperkalaemia, or any other high or low electrolytes (sodium, potassium, calcium, magnesium, phosphate) guideline?**

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