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Subject: Use of Placental Growth Factor (PLGF) testing

## REQUEST & RESPONSE

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information regarding the use of Placental Growth Factor (PLGF) testing in your trust's maternity services.

- 1. Implementation status: Does your trust currently offer PLGF testing as part of clinical care for the assessment of suspected pre-eclampsia? Please answer Yes or No.**

Yes

- 2. Date of implementation: If yes, please provide the month and year when PLGF testing was first introduced into routine clinical practice at your trust.**

Implementation 1/10/20 at Southport and Ormskirk Sites and 1/11/20 at St Helens and Knowsley sites.

- 3. Test usage: How many PLGF tests were performed at your trust in the following periods:**
  - 2021–2022 = 454
  - 2022–2023 = 612
  - 2023–2024 = 758
  - 2024-2025 = 767
- 4. If not implemented: If PLGF testing is not currently offered, please indicate whether:**
  - a. There are no current plans to introduce the test, or**
  - b. Implementation is planned or under consideration.**

N/A