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Lipoprotein(a) [Lp(a)] Testing

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information regarding Lipoprotein(a) [Lp(a)] testing at your Health and Social Care Trust:

Royal Victoria Hospital (Belfast)
Belfast City Hospital (Cancer Centre)
Mater Infirmorum Hospital (Belfast)
Musgrave Park Hospital (Belfast)

Does your Trust currently offer Lipoprotein(a) [Lp(a)] blood testing? (Yes/No)
If yes, please provide the total number of Lp(a) tests requested or performed per year, for the last four financial years (2020–21 to 2023–24), broken down if possible as follows:

- Does your Trust currently offer Lipoprotein(a) [Lp(a)] blood testing? (Yes/No)

Belfast Trust does not currently offer lipoprotein a (Lpa) blood testing.

This test is referred to the South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust for analysis in the Clinical Biochemistry Laboratory.

Your remaining questions should be redirected to South Eastern HSC Trust.

- If yes, please provide the total number of Lp(a) tests requested or performed per year, for the last four financial years (2020–21 to 2023–24), broken down if possible as follows:
 - a. Requested by primary care
 - b. Requested by secondary care (hospital clinics or inpatients)
- If available, please provide the number of Lp(a) tests that returned a raised result, as defined locally (e.g. >125 nmol/L or >50 mg/dL), per year over the same period.
- If available, please provide the number of unique patients tested for Lp(a) per year (i.e. not total test counts, but distinct individuals).
- If Lp(a) testing is not currently available at your Trust, do you refer these tests to an external laboratory or partner organisation? (Yes/No – please specify name of partner if possible)

As above, this test is referred to the South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust for analysis in the Clinical Biochemistry Laboratory.