

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request concerning Rheumatology.

The Trust can provide the following information:

- 1) Does the Trust have a rheumatology service?
  - a. Yes
  
- 2) Does the Trust have an early inflammatory arthritis clinic?
  - a. Yes
  
- 3) Is the Trust currently meeting or exceeding the standards of the Best Practice Tariff for Early Inflammatory Arthritis?
  - b. Yes, for some patients
  
- 4) Which tariff does the Trust predominantly use for early inflammatory arthritis patients?
  - a. The standard Payment by Results tariff
  
- 5) Is the Trust planning to introduce the Best Practice Tariff for Early Inflammatory Arthritis in 14/15?
  - a. Yes
  
- 6) Does the Trust use any other Best Practice Tariffs?
  - a. Acute stroke care YES
  - b. Adult renal dialysis NO
  - c. Daycases YES
  - d. Diabetic ketoacidosis and hypoglycaemia NO
  - e. Early inflammatory arthritis NO
  - f. Endoscopy procedures YES
  - g. Fragility hip fracture YES
  - h. Interventional radiology NO
  - i. Major trauma NO
  - j. Outpatient procedures NO
  - k. Paediatric diabetes year of care NO
  - l. Paediatric epilepsy NO
  - m. Parkinson's disease NO
  - n. Pleural effusion NO
  - o. Primary total hip and knee replacements YES
  - p. Same day emergency care YES
  - q. Transient ischaemic attack YES

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