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Dear Sir or Madam,

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Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request regarding shorthand acronyms used by consultants in hospital mean.

The Trust can provide the following information:

Please note that without context, the Trust is unable to give a definitive answer to your question. Abbreviations may have multiple meanings, or may only be used regularly within a particular specialty. While writing information in full is preferred as the best way to avoid ambiguity, the Trust accepts that abbreviations are commonly used by clinical staff. The Trust does not at present hold an 'accepted abbreviations' list for clinical staff. However, I am able to give you some of the common meanings for the following abbreviations:

Abbreviation	Common meaning
<i>R/V</i>	Review
<i>PMOK SpR</i>	Specialist Registrar
<i>VBG (could be UBG)</i>	If you mean VBG, this would be Venous Blood Gases
<i>CVS - HS1 + 11 + 0, HR 84 bpm</i>	Cardiovascular
<i>O/e</i>	On Examination
<i>SHx</i>	Social History
<i><-BG</i>	Blood Glucose
<i>P/I - DIB</i>	Difficulty in Breathing
<i>HPC</i>	History of Presenting Complaint
<i>PMHx</i>	Previous Medical History
<i>LRTI</i>	Lower Respiratory Tract Infection
<i>NKOA</i>	No Known Other Allergies

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