

Reference: FOI.ICB-2324/097

Subject: Echocardiograms Performed in Community Clinics

*I can confirm that the ICB **does hold some of the information requested**; please see responses below:*

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>Please would you be able to tell me from January 1st 2023 to date:</p>	
<p>A. how many echocardiograms are performed in community clinics at the assessment appointment? And also as a percentage of patients seen having had an echocardiogram?</p>	<p>Sirona have x6 echo appointments per week. All patients seen in community assessment clinic have an echo.</p>
<p>B. how many cannot be performed in community clinics at the assessment appointment and are then requested to be undertaken at secondary care providers of echocardiography, numbers please and percentages again please?</p>	<p>Sirona do not deliver the sonography pathway; this is held by the acute trusts.</p> <p>We advise you to contact the trusts directly as follows:</p> <p>North Bristol NHS Trust (NBT) - https://www.nbt.nhs.uk/about-us/information-governance/freedom-information/request-information</p> <p>University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust (UHBW) – https://www.uhbw.nhs.uk/p/how-we-use-your-data/freedom-of-information-foi-requests</p>

<p>Out of the echocardiograms referred to in question B, please could this be broken down into areas performed? Please can this be numbers. With, if possible average length of wait for these tests? The areas being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Bristol north - Southmead; Cossham- Bristol south -BHI, Horfield, South Bristol Hospital- North Somerset - Portishead, Clevedon- South Gloucestershire - Thornbury	<p>Unable to answer this as Sirona do not deliver the echocardiogram service.</p>
<p>Please would you also be able to explain the funding streams for the echocardiograms and the differences from scenario A and scenario B?</p>	<p>Unable to answer this as sonography services are provided by the acute services.</p> <p>Please see above for contact details of the acute trusts.</p>

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 25 July 2023 and has been approved for release by Sarah Truelove, Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.