

Reference: FOI.ICB-2526/139

Subject: Lipoprotein(a) [Lp(a)] Testing

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

| QUESTION | RESPONSE |
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| <p>1. Does your ICB currently offer Lipoprotein(a) [Lp(a)] blood testing? (Yes/No)</p> <p>a. 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Requested by primary care ii. Requested by secondary care (hospital clinics or inpatients) | <p>1. Yes, information is published online here: https://remedy.bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/adults/biochemistry/hyperlipidaemia/</p> <p>a. The ICB does not hold this information. We advise you to contact the hospital trusts directly, as follows:</p> <p>North Bristol NHS Trust (NBT) - https://www.nbt.nhs.uk/aboutus/information-governance/freedom-information</p> <p>University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust (UHBW) - https://www.uhbw.nhs.uk/p/how-we-use-yourdata/freedom-of-information-foi-requests</p> |
| <p>2. 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.</p> | <p>Please refer to response to question 1. a.</p> |

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| 3. If available, please provide the number of unique patients tested for Lp(a) per year (i.e. not total test counts, but distinct individuals). | Please refer to response to question 1. a. |
| 4. If Lp(a) testing is not currently available at your ICB, do you refer these tests to an external laboratory or partner organisation? (Yes/No – please specify name of partner if possible) | Not applicable |

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 11 August 2025 and has been approved for release by Helena Fuller, Deputy Director of Business, Strategy and Planning for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.