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Dear ,

**INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

You asked:

*Please provide me with your radiology department policy on the reporting of chest xrays/radiographs taken of adult In-patients/Emergency Department patients.*

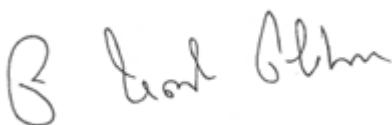
Please see the attached Standard Operating Policy.

*Routinely are chest x-rays formerly reported (by the radiology department): immediately (or as near as), same day, within 1 week, or not at all? And who performs this formal report (radiologist / reporting radiographer)*

All images taken via A+E are reported as an adjunct to the initial review of the images by the referring A+E clinician. With chest X-rays in particular the key performance indicator for the turnaround time for reporting is within 7 days, again, the initial diagnosis will have been made by the referring doctor in A+E. We use both Consultant Radiologists and Reporting Radiographers to provide the reports.

I hope you find this information useful, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 256335. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



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