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Dear

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

You asked:

The questions below assume an adult patient who is not pregnant and referred to the OOH team.

Out-Of-Hours is defined as between 1700-0800 in weeknights and from 1700 Friday-0800 Monday at the weekend. Bank Holidays are included in OOH.

1. Please complete the following information about yourself:

What is the name of the Hospital that you work in? Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust

What is your job title/current role? Consultant Urologist

Do you assess suspected renal colic referrals OOH? Yes

2. Diagnostic Imaging:

What is your investigation for suspected renal colic? CTKUB

Is diagnostic imaging always offered within 24 hours of presentation? No

Is dipstick haematuria mandatory prior to requesting in-hours imaging? No

Is dipstick haematuria mandatory prior to requesting OOH imaging? No

Does your hospital provide an imaging service for OOH straightforward suspected renal colic if the patient does not meet criteria for admission? No

	F1/F2/SHO	Registrar	Consultant
Which clinician is responsible for arranging OOH imaging for suspected renal colic? (please select all who apply)			
A&E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Urology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gen Surg	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify):

Varies – Any of the above

Who is the on-call point-of-contact for arranging OOH imaging?

Radiologist

3. OOH Imaging Reports

Who reports on OOH imaging?

	Registrar	Consultant
A&E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Urology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Radiology	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
Not reported OOH		<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify):

When are images reported?

	Same Night	Next Working Day
On-Site Radiologist	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Off-Site/ Outsourced Radiologist	X	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify):

Do patients get admitted to the ward before imaging is formally reported?

Yes

If so, who is formally responsible for their care? Urology

If imaging is not done OOH and patients are sent home with analgesia, who follows-up these patients? Urology

4. Pain Management & Alpha-Blockers

Do you offer non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAID's) as first-line pain management? Yes

Do you offer intravenous paracetamol in suspected renal colic if NSAID's are contraindicated or not sufficient pain relief? Yes

Do you offer opiate analgesia if the above options are not sufficient? Yes

Do you offer alpha-blocker therapy for patients with distal ureteric stones less than 10mm? Yes

5. Do you have any additional comments?

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sanjay Arya', written over a horizontal line.

Sanjay Arya
Medical Director/Consultant Interventional Cardiologist

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