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Dear Requester,

FOI 1312

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request which was received within the Trust.
Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

1. Do you have a policy and/or written procedures for how your trust responds to patients presenting at A&E with chest pain or suspected heart related conditions?
Yes. We have trust written policy for treating patients with suspected ACS for both inpatient and in ambulatory care setting.
2. Do you have a policy and/or written procedures for managing suspected aortic dissection?
All our patients with suspected aortic dissection get contrast CT both in and out of hours.
3. Do you have a policy and/or written procedures for managing aortic dissection once diagnosed? Please provide a copy of these.
Once diagnosed, we ring aortic dissection hotline: 02033132222- in Harefield hospital. We are in the process of writing up a pathway in conjunction with vascular services.
4. If you have a policy or procedures in place regarding aortic dissection, what is the trust's process for ensuring that all clinical staff are made aware and are reminded?
This topic is presented in grand-rounds and is part of regular ED teaching.
5. If you provide training, please provide a copy of the training material. Do you have any training / induction to ensure that all staff are familiar with it?
All ED staff are made aware of the Aortic dissection hotline in ED induction.

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Yours sincerely,

FOI Officer

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