

## **Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB\_426\_22**

### **You asked:**

I am writing to find out how diagnostic tests for breast cancer are being used across the UK.

Please could you provide an answer to the question below.

1. Are 1-3 **node positive** breast cancer patients in your region's hospitals undergoing Oncotype testing?

A yes/no response is fine

### **Our response:**

No, in line with current NICE guidance, the 1-3 node positive patients DON'T have Oncotype Dx testing. We do use it regularly, but only for 'node negative' patients.

Our patients undergo Oncotype Dx testing in accordance with NICE guidance, which is currently NOT for premenopausal patients with node positive disease (it's NICE guidance for node negative premenopausal patients only currently).

If patients are node positive (up to 8 nodes) and post menopausal, they will be offered entry into the OPTIMA trial which uses a similar test to Oncotype Dx (called the Prosigna test) to assess prognosis/recurrence risk and therefore direct chemotherapy decisions