

Under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000 please could you respond to the question causes affected patients of all ages to experience a range of symptoms requiring clinical investigations involving neurology and cardiology specialties to inform a positive diagnosis.

Please consult with cardiology, neurology, emergency medicine, care of the elderly and paediatrics specialties to provide the information requested.

Response: We don't routinely code for this diagnosis - these patients would usually be seen as part of general paediatric or cardiology clinics. Would be impossible to tell numbers without a prospective audit.

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Response: In general the more severely affected patients are likely to be referred to paediatric cardiology for exclusion of more sinister causes of tachycardia. We have a specialist paediatric cardiology clinic run by Dr Hassan locally. Investigations would normally be a 24 hr ECG to exclude more worrying causes for tachycardia. We do not routinely do tilt table testing. Diagnosis is based on 10-minute

complicating symptoms (ME, hypermobility and chronic pain) then these would be managed by the child's paediatrician with specialist referral as needed.