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Subject: Policy or practice relating to Lyme disease

## REQUEST

Under the Information act can you answer the following questions backed up by any written information, policy or practice.

The 2018 NICE guidelines contain information pertaining to mental health conditions caused by Lyme Disease. A sample of these are, cognitive impairment, memory problems, neuropsychiatric problems, Lyme Dementia.

My question to you is how you would distinguish between cognitive impairment, memory problems, neuropsychiatric problems caused by other more ordinary factors from those caused by Lyme Disease?

According to the NICE guidelines, many people will not even remember being bitten by a tick, what would alert enough suspicion enough to start testing?

Is there awareness that 2 serum tests can be given followed by the Western Blot.?

What Training is being given on the different strains of Borelia and each of their potential effects?

Finally can you send me all evidence you hold on OSPC1 and OSPC5 and their effect on human health.

## RESPONSE

You may wish to redirect your request directly to North West Boroughs Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. Details of how to do so can be found here: <https://www.nwbh.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information>