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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 27th October 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Colonoscopy

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 on behalf of Crohn's & Colitis UK to request the following information:

1. To what extent are the British Society of Gastroenterology Inflammatory Bowel Disease colorectal cancer surveillance endoscopy recommendations been implemented in this Trust? If they are being partially implemented, please outline which areas are currently being met.

A1 UHM follows the BSG Guidance however there is a backlog of patients awaiting their endoscopy appointment

Q2 What percentage of Inflammatory Bowel Disease patients are currently overdue their surveillance endoscopy based on the timelines set out in the British Society of Gastroenterology consensus guidelines on the management of inflammatory bowel disease in adults (2019)? Please provide this information broken down by high risk, intermediate risk and lower risk as out in this same guidance

A2 Unable to determine IBD patients from the surveillance waiting list

Q3 What plans are in place to manage the Inflammatory Bowel Disease colorectal cancer colonoscopy surveillance backlog in light of the COVID-19 pandemic?

The full guidelines referred to in these questions can be found in Box 11 on page 72 at:

https://eu-west-1.protection.sophos.com?d=bsg.org.uk&u=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuYnNnLm9yZy51ay93cC1jb250ZW50L3VwbG9hZHMvMjAxOS8xMi9CU0ctSUJELUd1aWRlbgluZXMtMjAxOS5wZGY=&i=NjJIYjdmNDVjOTM5YTQxMThlOWFmYzZj&t=b1JsdW94NINodmJjVmq5anJ5c1ZjM Gp5bDRTZIBubVFsSWUzRVBMUVc4Yz0=&h=7ec9476c5d5845d3a38861c5eb999f1c&s=AVNPUEhUT0NFTkNSWVBUSVYS1uBufxZ741P3CNNh7wN1kQpmdVj8Wk1VEI14ysibBsuzT -eq_ZynuWnZh5Lbc

A3 The Trust has a trajectory to recover its endoscopy service and clear backlogs over the next 12 months

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Yours,



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