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Dear Sir/ Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 24th October 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) guidelines.

We apologise for the delay.

Q1 We are instructed to investigate a potential medical negligence claim on behalf of our above-named client and write further to your helpful disclosure of our client's medical records in March this year. In order to assist with our investigations, we would be most grateful if you would please confirm what suspected bowel cancer referral guidelines were in place at the Trust in December 2015 and, specifically, whether the NG12 guidelines published in June 2015 had been implemented at the Trust by this time?

A1 Please find enclosed the suspected bowel cancer referral guidelines which were in place in December 2015, you will see that this followed the original NICE guidance. The NG12 guidelines published in June 2015 had not been implemented by December 2015. The final agreed updated 2 week wait forms were circulated to GP's in April 2016.

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Yours,



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