

Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-458

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Email [foi@uhn.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhn.nhs.uk)

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 13th October 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding endoscopy procedures

As of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) 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 request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am seeking detailed information regarding endoscopy procedures, hydrogen breath tests, and waiting times for patients suspected to have Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) and Small Intestinal Bacterial Overgrowth (SIBO) at your NHS Trust.**

**I would like to request the following information:**

**1. The number of patients currently on the endoscopy waiting list with suspected Inflammatory Bowel Disease.**

A1 Information not held as we are unable to determine IBD patients from the endoscopy waiting list

**Q2 The number of patients with suspected Inflammatory Bowel Disease who have been on the endoscopy waiting list for more than six weeks.**

A2 As answer 1

**Q3 The number of patients with suspected Inflammatory Bowel Disease who have been on the endoscopy waiting list for more than six months.**

A3 As answer 1

**Q4 The number of endoscopy procedures conducted for people with suspected Inflammatory Bowel Disease in the years 2023 (to date), 2022, 2021, 2020, and 2019.**

A4 We do not record electronically on the waiting list record “suspected conditions”

**Q5 The average time a person with suspected Inflammatory Bowel Disease spent on the waiting list for an endoscopy in the years 2023 (to date), 2022, 2021, 2020, and 2019.**

- A5 As answer 4
- Q6 The number of people with suspected Small Intestinal Bacterial Overgrowth (SIBO) on the waiting list for a hydrogen breath test.**
- A6 As answer 4
- Q7 The number of people with suspected Small Intestinal Bacterial Overgrowth (SIBO) that have been on the waiting list for a hydrogen breath test for more than six weeks.**
- A7 As answer 4
- Q8 The number of people with suspected Small Intestinal Bacterial Overgrowth (SIBO) that have been on the waiting list for a hydrogen breath test for more than six months.**
- A8 As answer 4
- Q9 The average time a person with suspected Small Intestinal Bacterial Overgrowth (SIBO) spent on the waiting list for a hydrogen breath test in the years 2023 (to date), 2022, 2021, 2020, and 2019.**
- A9 As answer 4
- Q10 The number of hydrogen breath tests conducted for people with suspected Small Intestinal Bacterial Overgrowth (SIBO) in the years 2023 (to date), 2022, 2021, 2020, and 2019.**
- A10 As answer 4

\*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk).

Yours,



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