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Response Due: 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

**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.**

<b>As at 24/10/2023</b>	<b>Number of Patients</b>
<b>Total</b>	607

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

<b>As at 24/10/2023</b>	<b>Number of Patients</b>
<b>Total</b>	190

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

<b>As at 24/10/2023</b>	<b>Number of Patients</b>
<b>Total</b>	35

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

<b>Year (1 Jan YY - 31 Dec YY)</b>	<b>Number of Patients</b>
2019	107
2020	67
2021	94
2022	118
2023 (As at 24/10/2023)	118

**5. 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.**

<b>Year - as at 31/12/YY</b>	<b>Avg Time on Waiting List</b>
2019	3 Weeks
2020	16 Weeks
2021	5 Weeks
2022	15 Weeks
2023 (As at 24/10/2023)	9 Weeks

**6. The number of people with suspected Small Intestinal Bacterial Overgrowth (SIBO) on the waiting list for a hydrogen breath test.**

The Trust does not undertake any activity for hydrogen breath tests, therefore this cannot be answered.

**7. 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.**

The Trust does not have any activity for hydrogen breath tests, therefore this cannot be answered.

**8. 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.**

The Trust does not have any activity for hydrogen breath tests, therefore this cannot be answered.

**9. 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.**

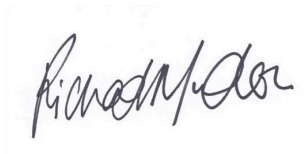
The Trust does not have any activity for hydrogen breath tests, therefore this cannot be answered.

**10. 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.**

The Trust does not have any activity for hydrogen breath tests, therefore this cannot be answered.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Mundon', is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Richard Mundon  
Director of Strategy and Planning

PLEASE NOTE:

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
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