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Response Due: 27th November 2023

Date: 23rd November 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 30th October 2023 , I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we partially hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

- 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.**

The guidelines are followed in their entirety.

From a colorectal CNS view the Greater Manchester pathway Board Colorectal Cancer surveillance guidelines are followed. This pathway is followed for 5 years with frequency and investigations requested in accordance to the guidance.

- 2. 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**

The Trust do not record this information.

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

There are various plans in place to deal with our backlog of endoscopy patients, of which this subset forms a part.

Endoscopy backlogs are tackled by booking in D Code and oldest wait order.

The backlog of colon dye sprays has been significantly reduced, as of today the figure waiting is in the region of 25.

Endoscopy lists are utilised wherever possible.

The Colorectal CNS team have added an extra cancer follow up clinic every week so they can try and identify the Colonoscopy patients in a timely manner to help reduce the number of Colonoscopies due as soon as possible where possible. The extra clinic has reduced the cancer follow up backlog as the Trust now have 3 per week.

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,



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Director of Operations and Performance

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