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Date: 10th October 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

1. What is the average waiting time in weeks, by month from end August 2022 – end August 2023 or the most recent month available and the preceding 12 months, for a) red flag, b) urgent and c) non-urgent diagnostic colonoscopy referrals?

Average Wait in Weeks Mth End

| Avg Wait in Weeks | 31-Au-22 | 30-Sep-22 | 31-Oct-22 | 30-Nov-22 | 31-Dec-22 | 31-Jan-23 | 28-Feb-23 | 31-Mar-23 | 30-Apr-23 | 31-May-23 | 30-Jun-23 | 31-Jul-23 | 31-Aug-23 |
|---|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 2 Week - 1st Outpatient Appt (Colorectal Surgery Pts) | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.1 |
| Routine | 15.6 | 16.3 | 17.1 | 17.1 | 18.7 | 18.1 | 16.4 | 16.1 | 16.7 | 15.7 | 16.1 | 14.4 | 12.1 |
| Urgent | 4.1 | 3.7 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 5.9 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 3.4 | 5.6 | 6.0 |

2. What is the average waiting time in weeks, by month from end August 2022 – end August 2023 or the most recent month available and the preceding 12 months, for a) red flag, b) urgent and c) non-urgent diagnostic flexible sigmoidoscopy referrals?

Average Wait in Weeks Mth End

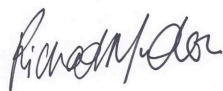
| Avg Wait in Weeks | 31-Aug-22 | 30-Sep-22 | 31-Oct-22 | 30-Nov-22 | 31-Dec-22 | 31-Jan-23 | 28-Feb-23 | 31-Mar-23 | 30-Apr-23 | 31-May-23 | 30-Jun-23 | 31-Jul-23 | 31-Aug-23 |
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| 2 Week - 1st Outpatient Appt (Gastroenterology Pts) | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.8 |
| Routine | 17.3 | 17.3 | 18.1 | 18.6 | 18.7 | 17.9 | 16.6 | 17.0 | 17.4 | 16.4 | 15.4 | 14.7 | 12.0 |
| Urgent | 8.3 | 6.6 | 8.3 | 8.6 | 10.6 | 9.7 | 10.7 | 8.9 | 8.9 | 8.4 | 8.1 | 6.1 | 6.9 |

Please Note: If it is decided that a patient needs a test at triage then a patient will sometimes be sent 'Straight to Test' and will not necessarily come in for a 1st attendance before their day case procedure.

The Average wait for these STT patients will be 2 weeks and under

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Yours sincerely,



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