

FOI 3412

4th December 2025

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Question: We are writing to make a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We would be grateful if you could please confirm the following: -

- 1. From the point of referral, the time taken to be given an appointment with a Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, if referred by a GP on an urgent basis in February 2018;**
- 2. From the point of referral, the time taken to be given an appointment with a Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, if referred by a GP on a red flag basis in February 2018;**
- 3. From the point of referral, the time taken to be given an appointment with a Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, if referred by a GP via the suspected cancer pathway in February 2018;**
- 4. From the point of referral, the time taken to be given an appointment with the Colorectal Service, if referred by a GP on an urgent basis in February 2018;**
- 5. From the point of referral, the time taken to be given an appointment with the Colorectal Service, if referred by a GP on a red flag basis in February 2018; and**
- 6. From the point of referral, the time taken to be given an appointment with the Colorectal Service, if referred by a GP via the suspected cancer pathway in February 2018.**

Response:

Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Public Authorities are not obliged to comply with an information request where to do so would exceed the cost limit.

Unfortunately we are unable to provide the information you have requested as the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. It has been estimated that it would take more than 18 hours to locate and retrieve the requested information. In order to obtain this information and it would exceed the £450 limit and is therefore cost prohibitive.

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