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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

How many people were diagnosed with Crohn's and Colitis in the Southern trust, per year for each of the last five years?

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide this information. The Acute Information Team can only provide figures on patients who were admitted to hospital (as an inpatient or a day case) and for this spell in hospital they had a diagnosis of Crohn's or Colitis recorded on the Trust's Patient Administration System. This diagnosis does not necessarily mean that the patient was diagnosed for the first time with this condition. A patient may have been diagnosed with this condition before ever being admitted to hospital. Also, if a patient was diagnosed with Crohn's or Colitis at an outpatient clinic or another service, the Acute Information Team would not know or have access to this information as Outpatient Clinic attendances are not clinically coded.

What was the average wait time for a diagnosis of Crohn's and Colitis in the Southern trust, per year for each of the last five years?

As per above, we are unable to provide this information. The date of diagnosis is not recorded on the Trust's Patient Administration System in order for the Acute Information Team to calculate the Average Waiting Time from referral.