



FOI 1673

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Question 1:

The waiting time for an appointment for a colorectal assessment in 2018 on a routine basis; and

Question 2:

The waiting time for an appointment with the colorectal department in August 2020 on a Red Flag basis.

Response in table below:-

• As per guidance from Cancer & Clinical Services Co-Ordinator Specific WL codes for Colorectal patients (CGCOLON & CGCOLONU) were not fully used as at 02/03/19 and were only implemented during covid-19 pandemic, therefore, figures as at 02/03/19 may be under-representative.

Suspect Cancer (Column B) is based on where Reason for Referral Description contains prefix of "SUS".

Average Waiting Time (in Weeks) & Number Waiting for a Colorectal* (Consultant Led) New Outpatient Waiter as at 02/03/2019 WL position**

<u>Average Wait (regardless of priority)</u>	<u>Average Wait (suspect cancer only)</u>	<u>Number Waiting as at 02/03/2019</u>
25 Weeks	13 Weeks	1494

NB: the Average Wait for Suspect Cancer patients as at 02.03.2019 is based on only <5 patients and therefore, may not be a good representation when compared with the Average Wait for Suspect Cancer patients as at 30.08.2020 and 04.06.2023 where the number of patients waiting was greater - 50 (at 30.08.2020) and 214 (at 04.06.2023).

Average Waiting Time (in Weeks) & Number Waiting for a Colorectal* (Consultant Led) New Outpatient Waiter as at 30/08/2020 WL position

<u>Average Wait (regardless of priority)</u>	<u>Average Wait (suspect cancer only)</u>	<u>Number Waiting as at 30/08/2020</u>
44 Weeks	2 Weeks	1643

Average Waiting Time (in Weeks) & Number Waiting for a Colorectal* (Consultant Led) New Outpatient Waiter as at 04/06/2023 WL position

<u>Average Wait (regardless of priority)</u>	<u>Average Wait (suspect cancer only)</u>	<u>Number Waiting as at 04/06/2023</u>
76 Weeks	2 Weeks	2554

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