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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

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**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.**

Fully implemented

**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**

This information is not centrally collated and we consider that the cost of retrieving the information would be above the 'appropriate limit' as defined by the FOI Act under Section 12. Section 12 makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit. The limit has been specified as £450 for public authorities such as the Southern Trust. This represents the cost of one or more person spending 18 hours or more in determining whether we hold the information locating retrieving and extracting the 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?**

We are unable to easily identify the Inflammatory Bowel Disease patients on the planned (surveillance) endoscopy waiting list, however we can confirm that we do have a planned endoscopy backlog which will include Inflammatory Bowel Disease patients and we do have plans in place to address this backlog. A piece of work is currently underway to categorise and validate the planned endoscopy waiting list. Effectively patients' will have their case reviewed by an endoscopist and will be classified according to their reason for surveillance; we have identified/agreed 11 categories for surveillance of which IBD surveillance is one. Patients will then be validated and booked for their planned (surveillance) procedure according to category priority and chronological order.

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