



Freedom of Information Request – 3949

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please provide data for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024, unless otherwise specified.

**Straight to Test (STT) Colonoscopy**

1. Does the Trust provide Straight to Test (STT) colonoscopy services for the suspected cancer referral pathway? Y
2. If STT, are they spoken to first in a clinic appointment or are they sent straight to colonoscopy without discussion? Y

**Iron Deficiency Anaemia (IDA) Pathway**

1. Does the Trust have a specific iron deficiency anaemia (IDA) Faster Diagnostic Pathway (FDP)?  
No
  - o If not, please confirm which pathway IDA patients are referred to (e.g., Lower GI, Upper GI, Gastroenterology, or Colorectal).  
*They are dealt with by various departments. It would depend on which speciality the patient is under. There is no specific pathway.*
  - o If yes, which speciality manages this?
2. Number of referrals to the IDA pathway (01/01/2024 – 31/12/2024).
3. Number of colorectal cancers diagnosed via the IDA pathway (01/01/2024 – 31/12/2024).
4. Number of IDA pathway patients seen by the Colorectal team (01/01/2024 – 31/12/2024).
5. Number of IDA pathway patients seen by the Gastroenterology team (01/01/2024 – 31/12/2024).
6. Do patients with IDA with positive FIT go to the IDA pathway or the lower GI pathway?

**Lower GI Suspected Cancer Pathway**

1. Total number of Lower GI suspected cancer referrals (01/01/2024 – 31/12/2024).  
2922
2. Number of cancers diagnosed on the Lower GI suspected cancer referral pathway, categorised by *site-specific cancer*, including (but not limited to):
  - o Colorectal 113
  - o Small bowel 0
  - o NTE (Neuroendocrine) 0
  - o Gastric less than 10
  - o Oesophageal less than 10
  - o Any other relevant categories Less than 10

**Colorectal Surgery Activity**

1. Total number of referrals to Colorectal Surgery (not including lower GI cancer referrals) (01/01/2024 – 31/12/2024). 319
2. Average waiting time for a Lower GI 2-week-wait (2WW) referral to first appointment. 6.5 days

3. **Average waiting time for an *urgent* outpatient referral to Colorectal Surgery.** 24 days – *please note this is the average time in days between the referral date and the date of an attended appointment.*
4. **Average waiting time for a *non-urgent* outpatient referral to Colorectal Surgery.** 57 days *please note this is the average time in days between the referral date and the date of an attended appointment.*

**Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD)**

1. **How many patients were diagnosed with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) through the Lower GI Faster Diagnostic Pathway?** 54