



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-388

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Email foi@uhn.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 20th September 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Diagnostic Endoscopy Waiting Times

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 on behalf of [REDACTED] to request the following information:

1. What is the average waiting time in weeks, by month from end August 2022 – end August 2023 or the most recent month available and the preceding 12 months , for a) red flag, b) urgent and c) non-urgent diagnostic colonoscopy referrals?

A1 The below information excludes those who are on the bowel screening program and planned patients As waiting lists are snapshots in time, the below figures are based on the snapshots taken of the waiting list on the last day of the month.

Month End	2 WW	Urgent	Routine
20220831	1	9	11
20220930	1	10	12
20221031	2	11	13
20221130	2	13	15
20221231	2	16	15
20230131	2	19	17
20230228	2	20	18
20230331	2	20	19
20230430	3	22	21
20230531	4	25	21
20230630	5	27	23

20230731	5	28	24
20230831	5	29	26
20230930	6	32	26

Q2 What is the average waiting time in weeks, by month from end August 2022 – end August 2023 or the most recent month available and the preceding 12 months, for a) red flag, b) urgent and c) non-urgent diagnostic flexible sigmoidoscopy referrals?

A2 The below information excludes those who are on the bowel screening program and planned patients

As waiting lists are snapshots in time, the below figures are based on the snapshots taken of the waiting list on the last day of the month.

Month End	2 WW	Urgent	Routine
20220831	1	8	11
20220930	1	9	11
20221031	2	10	11
20221130	1	13	12
20221231	3	16	13
20230131	2	17	14
20230228	2	18	15
20230331	3	19	15
20230430	4	20	15
20230531	5	22	17
20230630	6	22	19
20230731	6	24	21
20230831	6	27	23
20230930	7	30	23

*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

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Yours,



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