

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 23-701

9 October 2023

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

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?

Average Waiting Time in Weeks - Colonoscopy

Average of Weeks Wait			
Date	Routine	Urgent	Grand Total
September 2022	26.1	16.4	24.3
October 2022	25.7	19.5	24.7
November 2022	25.2	19.9	24.2
December 2022	22.1	16.9	21.1
January 2023	18.1	14.1	17.4
February 2023	18.7	12.7	17.7
March 2023	16.0	11.4	15.3
April 2023	13.0	10.0	12.6
May 2023	12.0	12.7	12.1
June 2023	10.3	12.5	10.5
July 2023	11.8	14.6	12.1
August 2023	12.2	8.6	11.7

2. 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?

Average waiting time in weeks – Flexi Sigmoidoscopy

Average of Weeks Wait			
Date	Routine	Urgent	Grand Total

September 2022	31.2	23.1	29.6
October 2022	32.9	20.6	30.0
November 2022	30.7	26.6	29.8
December 2022	23.8	20.6	23.1
January 2023	19.6	16.0	18.7
February 2023	17.3	14.6	16.6
March 2023	16.4	12.0	15.2
April 2023	13.8	8.3	12.6
May 2023	9.7	9.3	9.6
June 2023	12.7	10.1	12.0
July 2023	10.6	11.4	10.8
August 2023	12.3	10.1	11.9

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Data Protection Officer
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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