

## Surveillance Colonoscopy

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

Please be aware that the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Royal Devon) has existed since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 following the integration of the Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust (known as Northern Services) and the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust (known as Eastern Services).

*I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Crohn's & Colitis to request the following information:*

- 1. To what extent are the British Society of Gastroenterology Inflammatory Bowel Disease (BSG IBD) colorectal cancer surveillance endoscopy recommendations been implemented in this Trust? If they are being partially implemented, please outline which areas are currently being met.*

Answer: As a Trust we aim to follow the guidelines set out by the BSG IBD section on colorectal cancer surveillance and offer a surveillance colonoscopy to all patients meeting the guidelines, if they choose to undergo the procedure. We offer them a prolonged time slot of 3 units per colonoscopy.

- 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*

Answer: Of the surveillance IBD patients on the planned waiting list – none are currently overdue their procedure.

- 3. What plans are in place to manage the Inflammatory Bowel Disease colorectal cancer colonoscopy surveillance backlog in light of the COVID-19 pandemic?*

Answer: The Trust has an endoscopy recovery plan in place to improve waiting times across the board. This includes insourcing and building up the workforce to use new capacity, aimed to be in place by January 2025.