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IBD / SIBO Waiting Lists

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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 1st 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).

1. The number of patients currently on the endoscopy waiting list with suspected Inflammatory Bowel Disease.
2. The number of patients with suspected Inflammatory Bowel Disease who have been on the endoscopy waiting list for more than six weeks.
3. The number of patients with suspected Inflammatory Bowel Disease who have been on the endoscopy waiting list for more than six months.
4. The number of endoscopy procedures conducted for people with suspected Inflammatory Bowel Disease in the years 2023 (to date), 2022, 2021, 2020, and 2019.
5. The average time a person with suspected Inflammatory Bowel Disease spent on the waiting list for an endoscopy in the years 2023 (to date), 2022, 2021, 2020, and 2019.

The Trust is unable to answer questions 1,2,3,4 and 5 (above).

The Trust can neither confirm nor deny that the information requested is held and issues a refusal notice for this request under Section 17 of the Act. The following exemption has also been applied to the above questions:

Section 12 - Cost of Compliance

There is no diagnosis code for suspected Inflammatory Bowel Disease, as such this information is not Electronically recorded in the Trust EPR system Epic.

The Trust applies Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act. Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 Section 12(1) and defined in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004, a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request for information if it estimates that the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit. The limit of £450 represents the estimated cost of one

person spending two and a half days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, manually locating, retrieving, and extracting that information (if held).

Answer to question 6,7,8,9 and 10 (below):

The Trust is unable to answer the questions below. We do not offer hydrogen breath testing for either SIBO or any other indication. Therefore, there are no patients in any of the categories listed in these questions.

6. The number of people with suspected Small Intestinal Bacterial Overgrowth (SIBO) on the waiting list for a hydrogen breath test.

7. The number of people with suspected Small Intestinal Bacterial Overgrowth (SIBO) that have been on the waiting list for a hydrogen breath test for more than six weeks.

8. The number of people with suspected Small Intestinal Bacterial Overgrowth (SIBO) that have been on the waiting list for a hydrogen breath test for more than six months.

9. The average time a person with suspected Small Intestinal Bacterial Overgrowth (SIBO) spent on the waiting list for a hydrogen breath test in the years 2023 (to date), 2022, 2021, 2020, and 2019.

10. The number of hydrogen breath tests conducted for people with suspected Small Intestinal Bacterial Overgrowth (SIBO) in the years 2023 (to date), 2022, 2021, 2020, and 2019.