

Date: Friday, 13th October 2023
Our Ref: MB/CM FOI 5986

Sid Watkins Building
Lower Lane
Fazakerley
Liverpool L9 7BB
Tel: 01515253611
Fax: 01515295500
Direct Line: 01515563038

Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5986

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 13th October 2023.

Your request was as follows:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am seeking detailed information regarding endoscopy procedures, hydrogen breath tests, and waiting times for patients suspected to have Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) and Small Intestinal Bacterial Overgrowth (SIBO) at your NHS Trust.

I would like to request the following information:

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.
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.

I request that the information be provided in an electronic format, preferably in a spreadsheet or a similar format that allows for easy analysis.

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust is a Specialist Neuroscience Tertiary Care Centre; we do not Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) and Small Intestinal Bacterial Overgrowth (SIBO). Therefore, we cannot provide this information.

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

Re-Use of Public Sector Information

All information supplied by the Trust in answering a request for information (RFI) under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 will be subject to the terms of the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2005, Statutory Instrument 2005 No. 1515 which came into effect on 1st July 2005.

Under the terms of the Regulations, the Trust will licence the re-use of any or all information supplied if being used in a form and for the purpose other than which it was originally supplied. This license for re-use will be in line with the requirements of the Regulations and the licensing terms and fees as laid down by the Office of Public Sector Information (OPSI). Most licenses will be free; however the Trust reserves the right, in certain circumstances, to charge a fee for the re-use of some information which it deems to be of commercial value.

Further information can be found at www.opsi.gov.uk where a sample license terms and fees can be found with guidance on copyright and publishing notes and a Guide to Best Practice and regulated advice and case studies, at www.opsi.gov.uk/advice/psi-regulations/index.htm

If 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 the Freedom of Information Office at the address above.

Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 5986 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 by:

Post: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Online: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

Mike Burns

Mr. Mike Burns, Executive Lead for Freedom of Information