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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - Ref: FOI/012085

With reference to your FOI request that was received in connection with 'Bowel cancer' please see response below.

1. Are all patients diagnosed with bowel cancer under 50 years of age tested for Lynch Syndrome at diagnosis within your Trust?

The Trust now tests patients under 50 years of age for Lynch Syndrome at diagnosis.

2. Is Lynch syndrome testing carried out using MMR immunohistochemistry? If not, which method is being used to test for Lynch syndrome?

Immunohistochemistry is used for testing.

3. If testing for Lynch syndrome is not carried out, are there plans to implement the RCPATH recommendation for Lynch syndrome testing?

If so, by when?

4. If no, please could you tell us why you will not be implementing the guidelines?

Reply to questions 3 & 4 - The Trust is to implement routine testing as soon as long term funding is available