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Dear

**Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Request

Could you please reveal who made the decision to close the endoscopy unit to outpatients in March 2020?

Response

The decision to pause outpatients in endoscopy in March 2020 was made following the release of "advice for endoscopy Teams document) during COVID-19" issued 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020 by the national Joint Advisory Group (JAG) on GI endoscopy and British Society of Gastroenterology guidance (BSG).

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Team**  
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