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**Date:** 15/11/23

**Address / Email:**

Dear

**Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

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

Request

I would be grateful if you could supply me with the following information:

1. The total number of gypsies (Ethnicity category White British Other 1K) admitted to hospital between 2016 and 2022 inclusive with:

Ulcerative colitis

The number with ulcerative colitis who underwent a panproctocolectomy

Crohn's disease

The number with Crohn's disease who underwent a hemicolectomy

Response

The Trust is unable to provide the information you have requested.

The Trust uses national codes for ethnicity and the 3 main categories for White are:-

White – British

White – Irish

White – Any other white background

There is no category for White British Other as mentioned in your request.

A patient is asked their ethnicity but we do not specifically ask for or record if the patient is a gypsy.

Many patients will also specify the 'Other' category too so we are unable to narrow the search to say if the patient was a gypsy.

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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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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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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