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Subject: Patient self-Assessment prior to referral to Functional Bowel / IBS Clinic

## REQUEST

With regards to Functional Bowel / IBS Clinics provided by your organisation, please answer the following questions:

- 1) What national & local targets (if any) do these providers have re referral waiting times for Functional Bowel / IBS Clinics?
- 2) To what extent were these targets met by each provider in the last 3 years?
- 3) Describe any patient self-assessment tool used a part of the referral pathway and/or prior to clinic appointment?
- 4) Are these tools electronic or paper-based? If electronic, which product is used?
- 5) Please provide the name and job-title of the lead clinician for each service

## RESPONSE

For clarification: IBS fits under the umbrella of a functional bowel disorder. We do not have designated IBS clinics but do have a Pelvic floor nurse specialist clinic for those patients who have been diagnosed with a disordered bowel e.g. post-surgical, post obstetric or post- cancer treatment. Patients can be referred to this once structural pathology within the bowel has been excluded.

- 1) There are no specific local or regional targets for referral to Functional Bowel/IBS Clinics; however we do adhere to the 18 week RTT pathway.
- 2) NA – see above.
- 3) We do not use any patient self-assessment tool as part of the referral pathway and/or prior to clinic appointment.
- 4) N/A – see above.
- 5) There is no lead for the IBS patients. The Pelvic floor service is run by Mr Raj Rajaganeshan and Siobainn Bathgate, Pelvic Floor nurse specialist.