

Reference: FOI.ICB-2324/016

Subject: Endoscopy

I can confirm that the ICB does hold some of the information requested; please see responses below:

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>For the year 1st April 2022 to 1st March 2023, please provide the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many endoscopy investigations/ procedures (for clarity the following HRG codes FZ24J, FZ51Z, FZ52Z, FZ53Z, FZ54Z, FZ55Z, FZ56Z, FZ60Z, FZ61Z, FZ63Z, FZ64A, FZ65Z, FZ70Z) did you pay for. (A total number is acceptable rather than the amount for each HRG) 	<p>The HRGs listed have not been used since 2018/19 so their volumes are zero. However, please find below volumes mapped to current HRGs.*</p> <p>As they vary from the HRGs initially requested we have included the HRG breakdown The timeframe is from March 2022- February 2023 as this is the data currently available to us.</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. How many of these procedures were contracted to independent sector providers? 	<p>6828 (see above) were delivered by Independent Providers, some of these may have included non-contracted activity</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. If the response to 2 is greater than zero, please provide a list of providers who undertook more than 100 in the year, with the amount provided by each. 	<p>Inhealth (Prime Endoscopy Bristol)</p> <p>Practice Plus Group</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Is your endoscopy facility JAG accredited 	<p>See listed below.</p>

<p>5. For the organisations listed in response to 3, are any of these not JAG accredited</p>	<p>All BNSSG endoscopy providers report JAG accreditation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University Hospitals Bristol & Weston NHS Foundation Trust (UHBW*) • North Bristol NHS Trust (NBT) • Inhealth (Prime Endoscopy Bristol) • Practice Plus Group (PPG) <p>This is except for the South Bristol Community Hospital and Queen's Day Unit facilities at UHBW. UHBW is implementing plans to re-achieve JAG accreditation. For further information, please contact FreedomOfInfo@uhbw.nhs.uk</p>						
<p>6. Do the organisations listed in 3 send any histological investigations arising from this activity to your pathology laboratory or do they use independent laboratories?</p>	<p>The providers listed in 3 send such investigations to the following laboratories:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1099 847 1749 1070"> <tr> <td>PPG</td> <td>Prime</td> </tr> <tr> <td>North Bristol NHS Pathology Services</td> <td>North Bristol NHS Pathology Services</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Inhealth Laboratory</td> </tr> </table>	PPG	Prime	North Bristol NHS Pathology Services	North Bristol NHS Pathology Services		Inhealth Laboratory
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<p>7. If they use independent laboratories, do you know which laboratory they use?</p>	<p>See question 6 above</p>						
<p>8. Is it a requirement of the contract that these laboratories are UKAS accredited to ISO15189?</p>	<p>ISO15189 is not specifically listed. Nonetheless, all BNSSG endoscopy providers are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered with and monitored by the Care & Quality Commission • Required to deliver services to national and local quality standards 						

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in system performance & quality monitoring and / or contract review on at least a quarterly basis.
<p>9. Have you checked the UKAS accreditation status of all such laboratories used by independent providers within the past 12 months</p>	<p>Under the terms of the NHS Standard Contract service providers must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide services in accordance with BNSSG commissioned pathways, the Fundamental Standards of Care and service-specific specifications • comply, where applicable, with the registration and regulatory compliance guidance of any relevant Regulatory or Supervisory Body • comply, where applicable, with the standards and recommendations issued from time to time by any relevant professional body • comply with the recommendations contained in NICE Technology Appraisals and have regard to other Guidance issued by NICE from time to time. • ensure that all laboratory services (whether provided directly or under a Sub-Contract) comply with the UK Standards for Microbiology Investigations (Service Conditions 21.2) <p>Providers are also responsible for the performance of and will be liable to the Commissioners for the acts and/or omissions of all Sub-Contractors as though they were its own (General Conditions 12.7)</p>

**'Combined' HRGs were not found in the search results*

Data period: 01/04/2022 - 28/02/2023

Sum of Activity			
Provider Group	National_Hf	National_HRG_Description	Total
Independent Sector	FE20Z	Therapeutic Endoscopic Upper Gastrointestinal Tract Procedures, 19 years and over	2
	FE21Z	Diagnostic Endoscopic Upper Gastrointestinal Tract Procedures with Biopsy, 19 years and over	1983
	FE22Z	Diagnostic Endoscopic Upper Gastrointestinal Tract Procedures, 19 years and over	1449
	FE30Z	Therapeutic Colonoscopy, 19 years and over	739
	FE31Z	Diagnostic Colonoscopy with Biopsy, 19 years and over	676
	FE32Z	Diagnostic Colonoscopy, 19 years and over	1093
	FE33Z	Therapeutic Flexible Sigmoidoscopy, 19 years and over	136
	FE34Z	Diagnostic Flexible Sigmoidoscopy with Biopsy, 19 years and over	93
	FE35Z	Diagnostic Flexible Sigmoidoscopy, 19 years and over	657
Local Acute	FE02C	Major Therapeutic Endoscopic, Upper or Lower Gastrointestinal Tract Procedures, 19 years and over, with CC Score 0	22
	FE20Z	Therapeutic Endoscopic Upper Gastrointestinal Tract Procedures, 19 years and over	297
	FE21Z	Diagnostic Endoscopic Upper Gastrointestinal Tract Procedures with Biopsy, 19 years and over	3382
	FE22Z	Diagnostic Endoscopic Upper Gastrointestinal Tract Procedures, 19 years and over	1761
	FE30Z	Therapeutic Colonoscopy, 19 years and over	2378
	FE31Z	Diagnostic Colonoscopy with Biopsy, 19 years and over	1962
	FE32Z	Diagnostic Colonoscopy, 19 years and over	2390
	FE33Z	Therapeutic Flexible Sigmoidoscopy, 19 years and over	596
	FE34Z	Diagnostic Flexible Sigmoidoscopy with Biopsy, 19 years and over	703
Non Local Acute	FE02C	Major Therapeutic Endoscopic, Upper or Lower Gastrointestinal Tract Procedures, 19 years and over, with CC Score 0	4
	FE20Z	Therapeutic Endoscopic Upper Gastrointestinal Tract Procedures, 19 years and over	5
	FE21Z	Diagnostic Endoscopic Upper Gastrointestinal Tract Procedures with Biopsy, 19 years and over	7
	FE22Z	Diagnostic Endoscopic Upper Gastrointestinal Tract Procedures, 19 years and over	2
	FE31Z	Diagnostic Colonoscopy with Biopsy, 19 years and over	2
	FE32Z	Diagnostic Colonoscopy, 19 years and over	4
	FE33Z	Therapeutic Flexible Sigmoidoscopy, 19 years and over	1
Grand Total			22092

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 20 April 2023 and has been approved for release by Sarah Truelove, Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.