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Dear Sir/Madam,

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

You asked:

We would be grateful if you could answer the below questions so we can build a picture of the referral protocols that are being used, and the availability of services across the country.

Thank you.

- 1. Does your Trust you have specialist clinics for patients who have had treatment for cervical cancer and are experiencing the late effects of pelvic radiotherapy, e.g. bowel or urinary issues (also known as pelvic radiation disease or PRD)?**

Our patients attend Christie for radiotherapy following cervical cancer diagnosis and the specialist clinics are situated at the Christie

- a. If so, please give details of: N/A**

- i. The clinic(s) name and opening times**
 - ii. Annual caseload**
 - iii. The proportion of patients referred direct from oncology**
 - iv. The proportion of patients referred from their GP**
- 2. Does your oncology team have a standardised method of identifying people with PRD for referral (e.g. by asking patients the questions in the ALERT-B tool to support the clinical assessment of patients suitable for referral to a gastroenterologist)?**

We don't use the ALERT-B tool, we do not know which tools the Christie use to identify patients with PRD. Patients have an examination when they come back to WWL for follow up appointments

- 3. Does your radiotherapy centre ensure patients are aware of possible acute and long-term side effects of pelvic radiotherapy before they undergo treatment? If so, how?**

We do not have any radiotherapy services at the Trust.

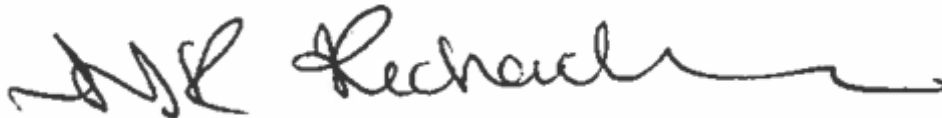
- 4. Does your radiotherapy centre offer a range of materials to support with acute or late effects of radiotherapy, e.g. booklets, symptom checklist, toilet cards? If so, what materials do you provide? N/A**

- 5. Do your gastroenterologists and dieticians use the PRD bowel algorithm, published in 'The Practical Management of the Gastrointestinal Symptoms of Pelvic Radiation Disease'? No**

https://www.macmillan.org.uk/_images/practical-management-gi-symptoms-pelvic-radiation-disease_tcm9-300557.pdf

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Helen Richardson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Helen Richardson
Chief Nurse and Director of Infection Prevention and Control

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