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Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request which was received within the Trust.

In accordance with S.1 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), I can confirm that we do hold the information relevant to your request. FOI 111

### Response from Luton and Dunstable University Hospital

From the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 in your trust:

1.How many endoscopists were employed?

**There were 28 Independent Endoscopist (including 1 Nurse Endoscopist)** How many endoscopists were colorectal surgeons, upper gastrointestinal surgeons, gastroenterologists or nurse endoscopists? Please include any details of any other groups of endoscopists that we have not mentioned above.

**Colorectal Surgeons = 6**

**Upper Gastrointestinal Surgeons = 9**

**Gastroenterologists = 11**

**General Surgeon = 1**

**Nurse Endoscopist = 1**

For each group of endoscopist listed above (ie colorectal surgeons, upper gastrointestinal surgeons, gastroenterologists, nurse endoscopists, etc) :

2.How many endoscopy lists were performed in total by each group in the 12 month period?

**Colorectal Surgeons = 516**

**Upper Gastrointestinal Surgeons = 313**

**Gastroenterologists = 1123**

**General Surgeon = 284**

**Nurse Endoscopist = 63**

A)What procedures (ie oesophagogastroduodenoscopy (OGD), colonoscopy, flexible sigmoidoscopy etc) and how many procedures were performed by each group in the 12 month period?

	<b>OGD</b>	<b>Colonoscopy</b>	<b>Flexible Sigmoidoscopy</b>
<b>Colorectal</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>973</b>	<b>817</b>
<b>Upper Gastrointestinal</b>	<b>1209</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1090</b>
<b>Gastroenterologists</b>	<b>3018</b>	<b>1922</b>	<b>515</b>
<b>General Surgeon</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>614</b>
<b>Nurse Endoscopist</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>289</b>

3.How many endoscopy procedures were performed in theatres and what were these procedures?

**Colonoscopy = 14**

**Gastroscopy = 34**

**Flexible Sigmoidoscopy = 8**

4.How many endoscopy procedures were performed in the radiology department, what were these procedures and who performed them (ie colorectal surgeons, gastroenterologists etc)?

	<b>OGD</b>	<b>Colonoscopy</b>	<b>ERCp</b>
<b>Colorectal</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Upper Gastrointestinal</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>101</b>
<b>Gastroenterologists</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>General Surgeon</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Nurse Endoscopist</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Please note that we are referring to only gastrointestinal endoscopy procedures and not respiratory procedures. We would appreciate it if the above information is provided in either Word or Excel format and sent electronically. If this request is unclear or if there are any further queries please get in touch. If any of this information is available in the public domain, please can we have page references and URLs if necessary. We would be grateful for written confirmation that you have received this request. We look forward to receiving your response in 20 working days as outlined by the statute.

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Yours sincerely,

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