

Bowel Conditions (Assessment) Bill

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BE IT ENACTED by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Publication of assessment

- (1) Within one year of the passing of this Act, the Secretary of State must publish an assessment of incidences of bowel conditions and diseases in England.
- (2) The assessment published under subsection (1) must include—
 - (a) data about the incidences of bowel conditions and diseases in each NHS region in England, and 5
 - (b) the Secretary of State's assessment of—
 - (i) geographical disparities, and
 - (ii) socioeconomic disparitiesin the incidence of bowel conditions and diseases. 10
- (3) The Secretary of State must lay before Parliament the assessment prepared under this section.

2 Interpretation

In this Act—

- “bowel conditions and diseases” means— 15
- (a) bowel cancer,
 - (b) inflammatory bowel disease,
 - (c) Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis,
 - (d) diverticulitis and diverticular disease,
 - (e) colitis, 20
 - (f) irritable bowel syndrome,
 - (g) any other condition or disease affecting the bowel that the Secretary of State considers appropriate to include in their assessment;

“NHS region” has the meaning given by the NHS England Operating Framework.

3 Extent, short title and commencement

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Bowel Conditions (Assessment) Act 2023.

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