**Early Diagnosis Campaign Parliamentary Questions**

Parliamentary questions are one of the tools used by parliamentarians to hold the Government to account. They can either be written or oral and let the Government know that people care about improving the experience of people living with Crohn’s and Colitis and want them to do more.

We have drafted three questions for you to choose from, which will help to raise awareness of the importance of early diagnosis in your parliament.

1. What steps are the Government taking to address delays in the diagnosis of Crohn’s Disease and Ulcerative Colitis in [insert your local area], which puts patients’ lives at risk and increases the burden on the NHS.
2. What support will the Government give to Crohn’s & Colitis UK’s public awareness campaign *Cut the Crap: Get Checked for Crohn’s and Colitis* and how will it raise awareness of the conditions with the general public.
3. How many faecal calprotectin tests were requested in i) primary care in the last year for which the data is available in [my local Integrated Care Board/Health Board/Health and Social Care Trust\*] and ii) what steps are being taken in [my local Integrated Care Board/Health Board/Health and Social Care Trust\*]to encourage the use of faecal Calprotectin in Primary Care to facilitate prompt and appropriate referral of people with suspected Inflammatory Bowel Disease?
4. How many/what percentage of patients in [your local area] are waiting for endoscopy for more than six weeks with suspected Inflammatory Bowel Disease?

\*You can find your local healthcare provider by following these links:

England: [NHS England » Integrated care system leadership and websites](https://www.england.nhs.uk/integratedcare/ics-leadership/)

Scotland: [Organisations – Scotland's Health on the Web](https://www.scot.nhs.uk/organisations/)

Wales: [Health in Wales | Local Health Boards](https://www.wales.nhs.uk/ourservices/directory/LocalHealthBoards)

Northern Ireland: [Health and Social Care trusts | nidirect](https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/contacts/health-and-social-care-trusts)