**MORE IBD NURSES – BETTER CARE: A SENSATIONAL RESPONSE**

Trusts with a Specialist IBD Nurse offer higher standards of care for people living with Crohn’s Disease, Ulcerative Colitis and other forms of Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) than those without one. It’s a simple and obvious truth.

So on 19 May 2016 (World IBD Day), we launched More IBD Nurses – Better Care: a campaign calling for better local services for people living with IBD.

The results have been astonishing.

To date, 1,343 of your emails have reached hospital CEOs across the UK, raising awareness of how vital these services are in local communities.

They’ve compelled Trusts to approach us directly for advice on how to improve.

In some cases, they’ve even helped secure precious funding for new IBD Nurses and staff.

So, if you’re still wondering what an email can achieve, have a look below.

And, to all of you who have made this campaign your own, we say:

Thank you.

**WHAT YOU’RE SAYING**

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**VITAL STATS**

- **19** Trusts have contacted the charity directly for support
- **1,343** emails sent to date
- **4** Trusts have secured funding for posts
- **5** Trusts reviewed or submitted business cases for IBD Nursing roles

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