CROHN'S& **COLITIS UK**

FIGHTING INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE TOGETHER

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

My IBD Nurse was amazing. I never would've made it through the hardest time of my life without him!

People do not realise how invaluable an IBD Nurse would be to people who suffer with this debilitating disease. 99

Our IBD Nurses play a pivotal role in caring for patients and, with direct phone and email access, patients can quickly discuss care plans and concerns with a trained professional. 99 **Trust CEO**

TOP 15 Raigmore (Inverness) **RESPONDING TRUSTS**

Royal Alexandra, University Hospital, Renfrewshiire Crosshouse

Hospital

Northampton

Princess Royal

St Marks Hospital

Bristol Royal Infirmary

Derriford

St James's University

Milton Keynes

Norfolk & Norwich Watford General

Addenbrooke's

Royal London

Royal Sussex

I wish that others were also able to benefit from this wonderful service – it really makes a difference. 99

Please, please, please never underestimate the

value of IBD Nurses. 99

I feel privileged to have this essential service. 99

> I was moved to tears to know that all my hard work is not going unnoticed. 99

Our CEO has received several letters from PTs and as a result, we're doing a business case for a further IBD Nurse and more admin support. It's working! 99 Trust staff members

VITAL STATS



Trusts have contacted the charity directly for support



Just One IBD Nurse, can impact on

50,000







Trusts have secured funding for posts



Trusts reviewed or submitted business cases for IBD **Nursing roles**