

Bowel Cancer Screening Pathways

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Below age of 50

Symptomatic pathway:

Experiencing any of these symptoms: bleeding from your bottom, blood in your poo, change in how often you poo, regular diarrhoea or constipation, sudden loss of weight without no apparent reason, feeling very tired without no apparent reason, a pain or lump in your tummy. Please contact your GP and ask for an at-home test as soon as you can.

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50 - 74

Age Extension pathway:

If you are between the ages between 50 and 74, you will receive a free Bowel Cancer Screening testing kit (every 2 years). If further investigations are needed you will be contacted by the Bowel Cancer Screening Team. If you have not received a testing kit please call the free number 0800 707 6060 to order a free testing kit.

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75 and above

Self-referral pathway:

If you are 75 and over you can order a testing kit via the freephone number 0800 707 6060 or you can talk directly to your GP. You can order a free testing kit every 2 years, but if you are experiencing any symptoms mentioned in the symptomatic pathway please contact your GP at the earliest convenience.

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Lynch Patients

Lynch Surveillance pathway:

If you are diagnosed with Lynch Syndrome, your GP will refer you to the Bowel Cancer Screening Programme Hub. You will be invited for a clinical assessment at a designated screening centre every two years. If you develop symptoms, you will be referred through the Symptomatic Pathway for a more comprehensive assessment.