

Bowel Cancer Screening Programmes Newsletter



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SYB Bowel Cancer Screening Programme Celebrate 10 Years of Screening!



The South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Bowel Cancer Screening Programme was introduced in 2008 and after FOBt/Colonoscopy surveying the subjects in Sheffield, Doncaster, Barnsley, Rotherham and Bassetlaw between the ages of 60 and 74 years.

The programme aspires to the highest standards of care and has received positive feedback from patients, families and providers. We aim for high levels of uptake through regular health promotion activities.

The primary aim of the Bowel Cancer Screening programme is to detect early stage cancers and remove premalignant polyps.

Polyp removal is safe and effective, with bleeding and perforations being rare complications. The polyp size and number determines the risk of further polyps, cancer and the need for future surveillance colonoscopy. Most cancers are early stage and 17.6% have been removed endoscopically. Colonic polyps have been detected and removed in 53%

Our current data shows that during the last 10 years a total of 11,579 Colonoscopies have been performed. 1,015 cancers have been detected, giving a cancer detection rate of 9%.

The South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Bowel Cancer Screening Programme have an uptake of 60%. We have sent 1,184,741 kits and 711,637 patients have taken part in the past 10 years.

How it works

- An invitation is sent to every two years.
- Communications are sent from the Gateshead Hub who coordinate the invites, FOBt test kits and first clinic appointments.
- Results are sent back to the participant within a week.
- If the result is negative the participant will be recalled again in 2 years.
- Participants with positive results will be invited to see a Specialist Screening Practitioner (SSP) where they will be assessed for colonoscopy.
- GPs are kept informed of the patients' progress and results along the screening pathway.



CCG 10 Year uptake

	Sheffield	Rotherham	Doncaster	Barnsley	Bassetlaw
Kits Sent	404,870	215,132	256,987	204,248	102,504
Kit returned	240,035	128,859	156,558	122,247	63,938
Uptake	59%	60%	61%	60%	62%

Data is available for individual GP practice performance. If you would like to receive this information please email

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Bowel Scope Screening Programme

The Bowel Scope Programme is now being introduced in Sheffield, Doncaster and Barnsley. The programme continues to roll out slowly. All GP practices will be informed when their centre has gone "live".

The Bowel Scope programme is a one off invitation for a Flexible Sigmoidoscopy for men and women aged 55 years. Anyone between 56-59yrs can self-refer providing their practice is "live".

Feedback from patients who

have taken part in Bowel Scope so far has been very positive. 99% of patients say they will go on to complete their FOBt kit once they reach 60 years of age.



The South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Bowel Scope Programme has invited 24,078 patients including 198 self-referrals, 9501 patients had the test and 416 patients were converted to colonoscopy due to the finding of polyps. 14 cancers were detected.

Future

10 years on from the launch of the NHS Bowel Cancer Screening Programme (BCSP) we're gearing up to change the primary screening test from the guaiac-based FOB test (GFOBt) to the immunochemical FIT test.

This is an exciting development as FIT has many advantages over gFOBt.

- It is easier to use and can be measured more reliably by machine than by the human eye
- It is sensitive to a much smaller amount of blood and can detect cancers more reliably and at an earlier stage
- Has increased sensitivity that enables us to detect more pre-cancer/cancerous lesions. Needs just one tiny faecal sample from a single bowel motion compared to 2 samples from 3 different motions for gFOBt
- It is more acceptable to people invited for screening, which increases uptake

We hope to introduce FIT in spring/summer 2018. All 5 of our regional programme hubs will switch to using the new kit at the same time.



Health Promotion

Our team have an active part in promoting the service. To celebrate our success and during Bowel Cancer Awareness month the team will be in Meadowhall where the staff can offer advice and support.

If you require any further information regarding Bowel Screening Programmes please contact the centre on 0114 2573070 .

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