

Patients Pending Decision to Proceed to Bowel Cancer Screening Programme Investigation

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Introduction

There are a small number of patients who, following SSP positive assessment clinic, do not wish to arrange investigation straightaway (e.g. soon to go on holiday, want to think / read about risks and benefits etc.)

The purpose of this guideline is:

- To ensure these patients understand the reasons an investigation is advisable.
- To ensure that their decision is correctly recorded on the Bowel Cancer Screening IT System (BCSS).
- To ensure patients have the relevant contact details to discuss things further.

Scope of This Document

This document applies to Specialist Screening Practitioners (SSPs) and administrative staff working within the Herefordshire & Worcestershire Bowel Cancer Screening Programme.

Implementation

This guideline will need to be implemented in the event of a patient who requests thinking time following attendance at SSP positive assessment clinic. All BCSP staff will be notified of this documents existence and it will form part of the induction plan for new staff.

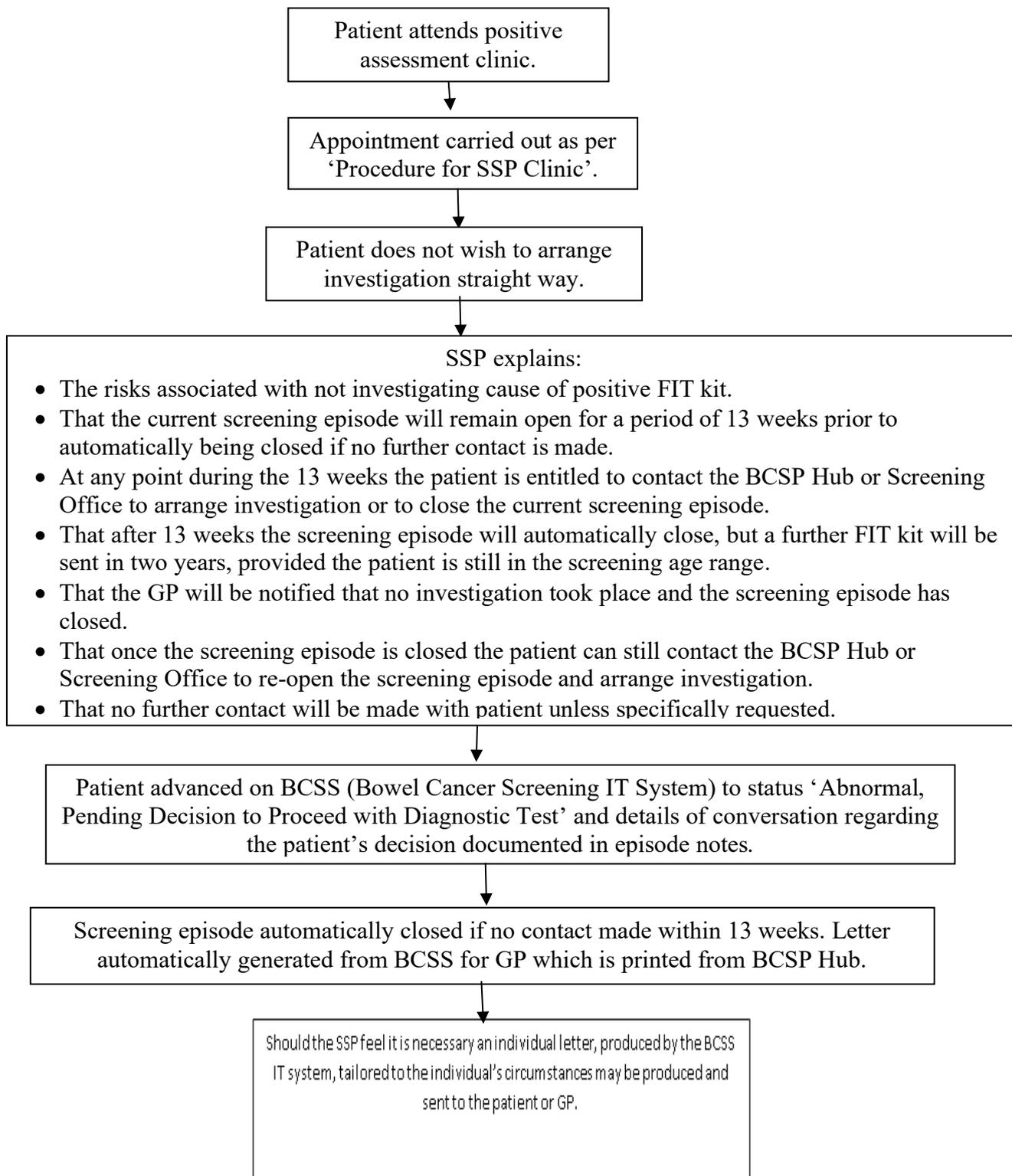
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References

Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust, Bowel Cancer Screening Programme Operational Policy.

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