## **Bowel Cancer Screening Programme**

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# 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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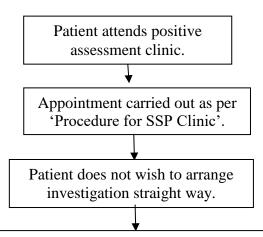
## References

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

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## **Pathway**



## SSP explains:

- The risks associated with not investigating cause of positive FIT kit.
- That the current screening episode will remain open for a period of 13 weeks prior to automatically being closed if no further contact is made.
- At any point during the 13 weeks the patient is entitled to contact the BCSP Hub or Screening Office to arrange investigation or to close the current screening episode.
- That after 13 weeks the screening episode will automatically close, but a further FIT kit will be sent in two years, provided the patient is still in the screening age range.
- That the GP will be notified that no investigation took place and the screening episode has closed.
- That once the screening episode is closed the patient can still contact the BCSP Hub or Screening Office to re-open the screening episode and arrange investigation.
- That no further contact will be made with patient unless specifically requested.

Patient advanced on BCSS (Bowel Cancer Screening IT System) to status 'Abnormal, Pending Decision to Proceed with Diagnostic Test' and details of conversation regarding the patient's decision documented in episode notes.

Screening episode automatically closed if no contact made within 13 weeks. Letter automatically generated from BCSS for GP which is printed from BCSP Hub.

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Should the SSP feel it is necessary an individual letter, produced by the BCSS IT system, tailored to the individual's circumstances may be produced and sent to the patient or GP.

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