

### Patients who decline to proceed investigation

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### Key Amendments

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| 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2019 | Documents extended for 6 months whilst reviewed                         | Emma Duggan                  |
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| 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2020 | Documents extended for 6 months during COVID-19 period                  | QGC/Gold Meeting             |
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| November 2022              | Document approved with no amendments                                    | SCSD Governance              |

### Introduction

The purpose of this guideline is:

- To ensure patient who attends SSP positive assessment clinic, but choose not to proceed with investigations, understands the risks involved.
- To ensure that the patient's GP is notified that the patient has declined investigations following an abnormal FIT kit.
- To ensure patients understand that should they change their mind they are entitled to contact the screening office for investigation to be arranged.
- To ensure that patients are aware that they will receive a FIT kit every two years under the screening programme whilst they remain within the screening age range (60-75 years). After which they have the option of self-referral into BCSP FIT testing.

### Scope of This Document

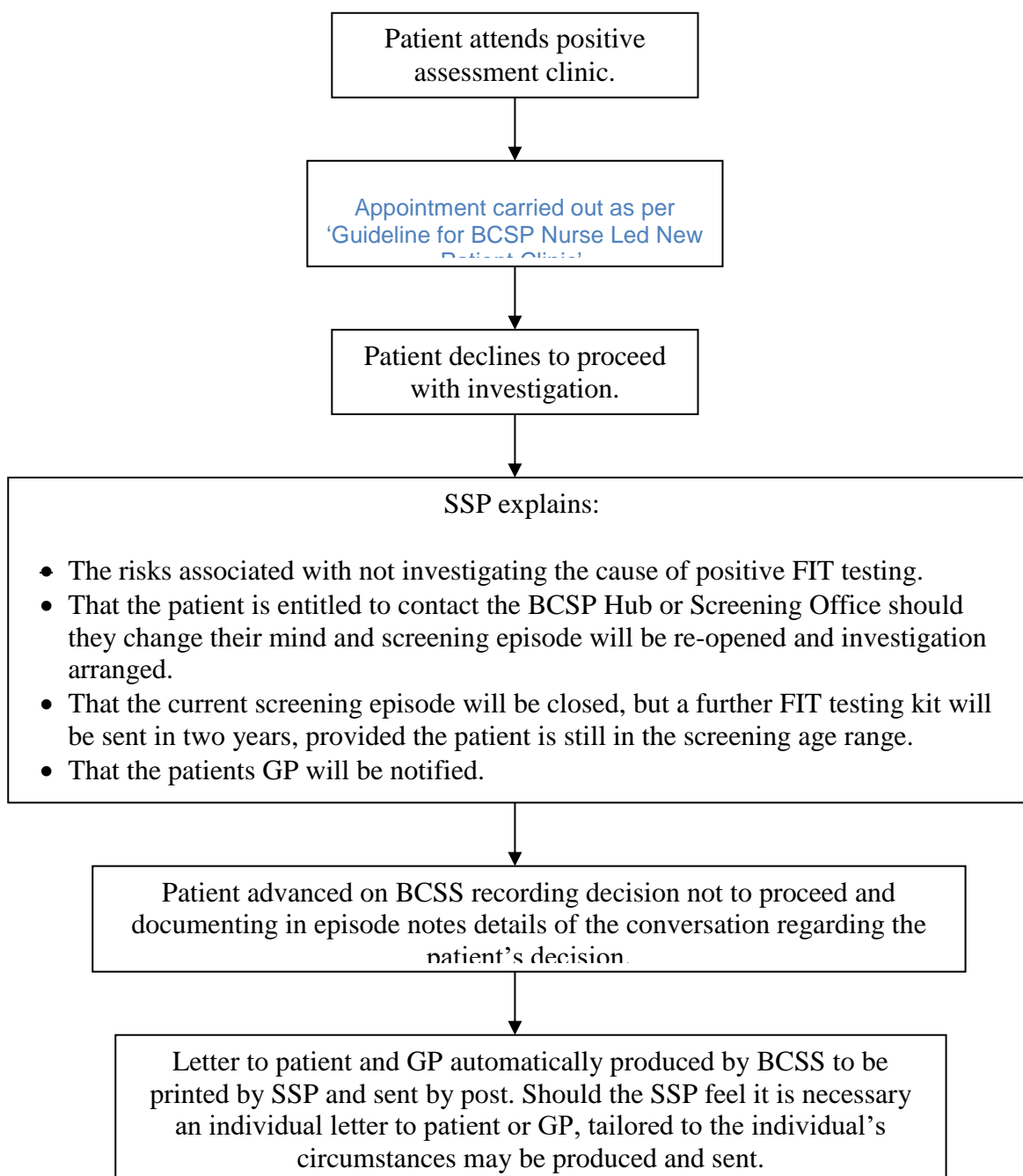
This document applies to Specialist Screening Practitioners (SSPs) within the Herefordshire & Worcestershire Bowel Cancer Screening Programme.

The information within this procedure is in addition to the information available with the Service specification no.26 – Bowel Cancer Screening programme (NHS 2019).

## **Implementation**

This guideline will be implemented in the event of a patient who declines to proceed with investigations. This includes consultation of the policy at the BCSP operational meeting. The policy is available on the trust computer shared drive. All BCSP staff will be notified of this documents existence and it will form part of the induction plan for new staff.

## Patient pathway



## Reference List

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