

NHS Bowel Cancer Screening Programme

The NHS BCSP offers screening every 2 years to all men and women aged 60 to 74.

If you are in this age bracket you may have received a kit in the post from the NHS Bowel Cancer Screening Programme. If you have not returned your test kit we would like to encourage you to do so.

Bowel cancer is a very common type of cancer and is generally more treatable the earlier it is detected. In fact, regular bowel screening has been shown to reduce the risk of dying from bowel cancer, which is why the screening programme was set up.

We understand that reasons for not returning the kit can vary. Some might not like the thought of collecting three samples of poo, and others may simply not have got round to returning the test. However, doctors know that we can save lives through this test. That is why I would like you to think again about using the test kit.

If you have not received or mislaid the screening kit, please contact the Bowel Screening Helpline on 0800 7076060, where you can request another screening kit to be sent free of charge.

Please note that screening is for people **without** symptoms. If you are concerned about any symptoms of bowel cancer, please make a doctor's appointment to discuss this.

For and on behalf of:
The Partners
The Elms Medical Practice

Further information and replacement kits

Free phone number from a landline: 0800 7076060 (charges will apply if you use a mobile)

Website: www.cancerscreening.nhs.uk/bowel/publications/public-resources.html