

Dear Patient,

We are writing to you to express our support for the NHS Bowel Screening Programme. This is in follow-up to the bowel screening kit that you would recently have received through the post.

Bowel cancer is the fourth most common cancer in the UK. The aim of the Bowel Screening Programme is to discover bowel cancer at an early stage, before symptoms have a chance to develop. The sooner it's caught, the easier it is to treat and treatment is more likely to be successful.

Bowel screening involves a simple test that you carry out in your own home.

We encourage you to consider doing this screening test, which you then send off in the envelope for analysis.

Whether or not to do the test is your choice, so you should read the information you were sent with your screening invitation to help you decide.

If you have not received your screening pack or wish to have another sent out to you, please telephone the following number, which is the bowel screening helpline: 0800 707 6060.

If you're not sure how to complete the test itself, and have access to the internet, this link will give you further information: www.pathfields.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/kit-instructions.pdf or for a information video on how to complete the bowel cancer screening kit follow this link to a YouTube clip https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m2f-wY0C_1Q speak to your practice nurse who can show you how to complete the kit.

If there is anything else that you'd like to know or discuss about bowel screening, please do not hesitate to contact the surgery for further advice.

Yours sincerely,

GP Partners at Pathfields Practice

If you wish how to learn how your personal information is used and the steps we take to ensure it

remains confidential, please pick up one of our leaflets or ask the receptionist at your surgery.