

## Potting the poo: getting the right FIT

Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire
Integrated Care Board

**Faecal Immunochemical Test** 

## FIT for national Bowel Cancer Screening Programme



For people without symptoms



Men and women aged 54-74 yrs old, every two years



Sent by post from the Bowel Cancer Screening Hub (BCS) Hub to eligible people with individualised patient bar code identity



Test is completed and sent back by patient in freepost envelope provided to the BCS Hub in Guildford



If the kit is lost, please advise patients to call to order a replacement kit on 0800 707 6060



BCS Hub informs patient of result and organises further tests if indicated



BCS Hub sends result or non-responder notification to practice



Practice to contact non-responders to encourage participation - please include 0800 707 6060 in your message for patient to reorder a kit.

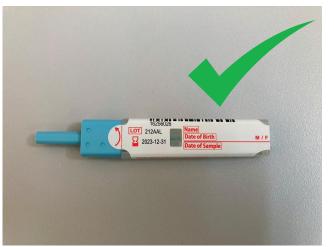
## FIT for symptomatic patients seen in Primary Care



For patients who report symptoms that could be caused by bowel cancer



Test requested on ICE by clinician, patient identification label is added, and test kit with instructions is given to patient during appointment/by reception team







Safety netting process initiated by clinician/practice team



Patient takes test kit home, completes it, and returns it to practice



Safety netting process utilised to ensure completed kit is received back from patient



Practice send completed test kit to Bristol lab with usual pathology sample service



Result is sent to practice on ICE for action by referring clinician.

The FIT is looking for blood in poo. The threshold for a positive result:

The screening test threshold for England is 120 µg/g

The symptomatic test for patients who present to the GP has a low threshold of 10 µg/g

## Two different pathways, two different tests.

All screening kits must come from the Guildford BCS Hub. Do not give patients a practice kit unless clinician requests it.