



Cancer Services
Communication for GP Newsletter

Benefits of Faecal Immunochemical Testing (FIT)

The current COVID-19 pandemic has had a major impact on the Trust's ability to maintain local endoscopy and imaging capacity.

Therefore, in response to guidance from NHS England, NHS Improvement and with the support of our local Cancer Alliance, the Colorectal Team at BTH implemented a process of triage and prioritisation of all symptomatic patients referred on a suspected cancer 2ww pathway.

To support this process, we introduced FIT as a requirement at point of referral together with a required suite of blood tests.

The ability to review recent FIT results has allowed our clinical teams to ensure patients who need further investigation are prioritised and has allowed efficient use of our reduced resources.

Mr Linn, Consultant Colorectal Consultant at BTH added "the introduction of FIT as part of the referral process has provided a very useful tool in colonoscopy prioritisation during the current COVID period and we appreciate our primary care colleague's support of this implementation".

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