

Final Version Patient Letter

Dear xxx

We're sorry for the delay to your bowel scope screening appointment. This was due to the ongoing response to the coronavirus pandemic.

The NHS is no longer offering bowel scope screening across England and is extending the home testing programme from April 2021. We would therefore like to invite you to receive the home testing kit – called a FIT kit.

Like a bowel scope, a FIT kit can help detect bowel cancer at an early stage, in people with no symptoms. It's a simple way to find out if you need further tests. Around 2 in every 100 people who return a kit may need further investigations such as a colonoscopy.

You will receive your home testing kit in the post after April 2021 and we will contact you again before sending it to you. We will also provide you with information to help you decide whether to take part in FIT screening.

You can call the free helpline if you have any questions about bowel cancer screening or using the test kit on 0800 707 60 60. You may also find it useful to review the symptoms of bowel cancer at [www.nhs.uk/conditions/bowel-cancer](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/bowel-cancer).

If you have any of these symptoms for 3 weeks or more, please speak with your GP.

Our information is available in other formats like large print and audio, as well as easy guides (with simple text). For details call 0800 707 60 60. To use the Relay UK service dial 18001 then 0800 707 60 60 from your textphone or the Relay UK app.

Your sincerely