



## Colorectal Pathway Board

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### Background/Introduction

Colorectal or bowel cancer is the fourth most common cancer in the UK and the second biggest cancer killer. Nearly 43,000 people are diagnosed with bowel cancer every year in the UK. Around 268,000 people living in the UK today have been diagnosed with bowel cancer. More than nine out of ten new cases (94%) are diagnosed in people over the age of 50, and nearly six out of ten cases (59%) are diagnosed in people aged 70 or over. But bowel cancer can affect anyone of any age. More than 2,600 new cases are diagnosed each year in people under the age of 50. 1 in 15 men and 1 in 18 women will be diagnosed with bowel cancer during their lifetime ([www.bowelcanceruk.org.uk](http://www.bowelcanceruk.org.uk)).

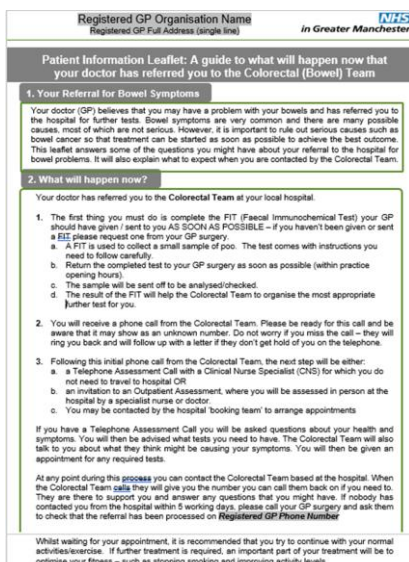
The remit of the pathway board is to deliver on the ambitions of the long-term plan as detailed in the NHSE cancer planning guidance thus helping to deliver earlier and faster diagnosis and equitable care to people affected by colorectal cancer across the conurbation. The pathway board consists of core members from all the Greater Manchester Hospitals delivering colorectal cancer care. Sajal Rai the Clinical Lead together with Michelle Leach the Pathway Manager strive for system wide delivery of the best care for people living with

### FIT (Faecal Immunochemical Test)

The Faecal Immunochemical Test (FIT) is a type of faecal occult blood test which uses antibodies that specifically recognise human haemoglobin (Hb). It is used to detect and quantify the amount of human blood in a single stool sample. An abnormal result suggests that there may be bleeding within the gastrointestinal tract that needs to be investigated. Those with an abnormal result are then invited for further testing via a diagnostic procedure. The pathway board have been working with the Early Diagnosis Team to increase the number of FIT tests returned with suspected cancer referrals to triage which patients need to be seen most urgently.



The colorectal pathway board small community of people affected by cancer also co-produced a patient leaflet produced by patients for patients.



### Colon Capsule Endoscopy

The imaging technology, in a capsule no bigger than a pill, can provide a diagnosis within hours. Known as a colon capsule endoscopy (CCE), the cameras are the latest NHS innovation to help patients access cancer checks at home. Traditional endoscopies mean patients need to attend hospital and have a tube inserted whereas the new technology means that people can go about their normal day. An initial group of 11,000 NHS patients in England will receive the capsule cameras in more than 40 parts of the country. The pathway board are supporting 2 sites in Greater Manchester as they take part in this national pilot one at The Royal Oldham Hospital and the other at Salford Royal Hospital.



### Workplan/deliverables:

The pathway board are also delivering on an extensive work plan as some of the agenda items at board are:

- Lynch Syndrome testing compliance
- Faster/rapid diagnostic workstream
- Research and innovation
- Lower GI improvement programme and recovery panel
- Reinstatement of the Clinical Nurse Specialist Group
- Stratified follow up for colorectal cancer patients
- Work with PHE to encourage increase in uptake of the bowel cancer screening programme
- Education
  - CNS education Event
  - Gateway C
  - Infographics