

The implementation of the Faecal Immunochemical Test (FIT) across the South West

October 2018 Project Update Bulletin

Metrics (early insights):

FIT	Total
Samples received by lab (since launch – Sept 18 th)	1727
Total positive FIT tests	226
% positive	13%

	% of samples
Aged 50-60 with: changes in bowel habit or iron deficiency anaemia	41%
Aged over 50 with: unexplained abdominal pain or weight loss	35%
Aged 60 or over and have anaemia without iron deficiency	24%

	Jul-17	Jul-18
Total number of routine referrals to endoscopy *	800	718
Total number of 2ww referrals to endoscopy *	1469	1398

*Nb Not all providers in the South West had submitted data at the time of publishing.

Patient Feedback Quote:

“I just put it in an envelope, the instructions were easy to understand. I live three miles from the GP but the post box is 300 metres away. I think this is an excellent”.

Further information for GP's

- **Test referral forms:** Please can GP's ensure the referral form (which is inside the pack) is fully completed stating referral criteria, requesting location, or QF number, and replaced back inside the pack for the patient to send off with the kit. QF numbers can be sourced from your local laboratory or by emailing sarah-jane.davies@nhs.net.
- **Patient Cohort:** Please note that currently the cohort for this test does not include patients <50 years old.
- **Storage:** Packs should be stored centrally in the practice to preserve shelf life and manage stock control.

Project Update:

Key project highlights from September

- Review of patient information by PE groups.
- Review of patient information against accessibility standard by PE lead (SWAG).
- High level evaluation methodology and timetable mapped out.
- Early metrics disseminated.
- GP user survey set up on survey monkey and qualitative data visits undertaken with practices.
- Patient experience survey (paper based) designed and inserted into packs.
- Patient representative approached to join steering group.
- Presentation at NHSE shared learning event and project documents uploaded on Kahootz - to be shared with other cancer alliances.
- CCG level FIT usage data provided to commissioners.
- Letters sent to practices that have not referred.
- First provider reports received.

Next Steps for October

- Report lab and provider metrics.
- Identify data sources for evaluation metrics and agree responsibilities.
- Produce project plan for evaluation.
- Redesign patient instructions leaflet in line with feedback received from PE groups.
- Communicate commissioning proposal to CCG's.