

Bowel Cancer Screening



The Bowel Cancer Screening Programme is now operating in North Manchester. If you are aged between 60 and 69 and registered with a GP you will automatically be sent a screening kit to use in the privacy of your own home around the time of your even birthday.

Most bowel cancers occur in people aged 60 and over and can go unnoticed until it is advanced. However, if spotted early, lots of bowel cancers can be successfully treated.

Screening can help detect bowel cancer at an early stage and therefore save lives, so it is important not to be embarrassed about using the test kit.

Within two weeks of sending in your completed test kit, you'll get the results by post. Almost everyone will receive a normal result, after which invitations for bowel cancer screening are sent every two years until the age of 70. Anyone who has an abnormal test result is offered an appointment with a specialist nurse to discuss further investigations. Although the test kit does not diagnose cancer, it does show whether further investigations are needed.

If you are over 69, you won't automatically receive a screening test kit, but you can easily request one by calling 0800 707 6060.

Remember, when your screening kit arrives, use it and return it!

If you would like some further information about the screening please contact Tara at Public Health Development Service On 0161 882 2307.