

PROJECT BRIEF

Project Name	Population	Intervention objective
FIT in secondary care	Patients in whom a FIT test is indicated in urgent secondary care settings in NEL	Improve access to FIT testing in secondary care + Earlier diagnose colorectal cancers

<p>Project name</p> <p>Secondary care FIT Pilot</p>
<p>Project aim</p> <p>Improve hospital clinicians' access to FIT to allow testing of appropriate patients who present in urgent secondary care settings + Develop and test pathways incorporating FIT testing in secondary care to promote improved clinical evaluation and triage of patients for investigation of lower GI disease</p>
<p>Project outline</p> <p>Promoting use of FIT in secondary care to reduce time to diagnosis for investigation of high-risk patients with lower GI red flag symptoms, this would take in use of FIT to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> identify high risk symptomatic patients in urgent care settings - to reduce time to diagnosis / other investigation. identify low risk symptomatic patients - to determine need for endoscopy / other investigation.
<p>Expected impact</p> <p>Through appropriate use of FIT in secondary care we expect to see:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More effective and efficient triage of patients presenting in urgent care settings. • Reduced waiting times to investigation for patients at highest risk of cancer. • Reduced investigation of those at lowest risk where clinically appropriate.
<p>How will the impact be measured?</p> <p>We would expect to measure the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes in time to investigation people presenting in urgent care settings. • Numbers of patients re-directed to other pathways/services after FIT test. • Percentage of patients upgraded to an urgent suspected cancer pathway where clinically appropriate. • Patient and clinician experience (measured via local trust surveys or focus groups).
<p>Pilot sites</p> <p>Sites include ED and PELC at Queens and ED and Walk-In at WX. Resources allocated to the sites include dedicated navigator, CNS, PA Consultant sessions and project management support. Funding has additionally been allocated to cost of FIT tests and patient resources.</p>
<p>Timeframe for delivery</p> <p>8-month pilot anticipated start date beginning of April 2023.</p>