

Bowel Cancer Screening for Muckamore Inpatients

Version Control

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Purpose

To ensure that all people in Muckamore who are eligible for bowel cancer screening receive information and support to enable them to make an informed choice on participation, have the opportunity to complete a bowel cancer screening kit, receive the results and have access to follow up investigations as required.

Introduction

In Northern Ireland, bowel cancer screening is aimed at everyone aged 60-74 and all eligible people in this group who are registered with a GP are offered screening every two years.

The bowel cancer screening pathway for individuals in Muckamore is essentially the same as for the general population. However, some modifications have been made to the process to meet the specific needs of this group. In particular the majority of correspondence is conducted through the Community GP at Muckamore, rather than directly between the screening programme and the participant.

The protocol documents the process and has been agreed between the Public Health Agency, Business Services Organisation and the Community GP in Muckamore

Protocol

Identification of eligible participants

Identification of individuals who are eligible for bowel cancer screening is a joint responsibility between the Screening Office of the Business Services Organisation and the Community GP at Muckamore, Dr Michael Kingsley.

- Details of any individual residing in Muckamore within the age requirement of the bowel cancer screening programme (ie 60-74 years) will be emailed via secure mail to the Screening Office (screening.bso@hscni.net) as they are identified.
- The Screening Office checks each individual against the details held on the Bowel Screening Information Management System (BSIMS) for their current eligibility status for bowel cancer screening.

- The participant's record on BSIMS will be updated to identify them as 'learning disability' (under code VG03U). This will prevent the participant from being automatically called and will require them to be managed manually by BSO call/recall team.
- The participants address will be updated to Muckamore Abbey address following VG03U code being applied to their record
- The Screening Office emails this status update back to the Michael Kingsley, Community General Practitioner for Muckamore at michael.kingsley@belfasttrust.hscni.net
- If an individual is already in a surveillance category (i.e. high risk or intermediate risk), the Screening Office will advise of the next surveillance due date in the status update.

Invitation for screening

For those identified as being currently eligible to be offered screening, the Screening Office will prepare invitation packs. These are barcoded for the individual and contain the invitation letter, appropriate information leaflets and the qualitative FIT kit.

- The Screening Office sends the invitation packs directly to Dr Michael Kingsley at address;

Dr Michael Kingsley
c/o Medical Secretaries
Muckamore Abbey Hospital
1 Abbey Road
Muckamore
BT41 4SH

- Dr Kingsley will distribute the invitation packs to the eligible individuals
- Dr Kingsley will liaise with the ward staff to ensure additional support is provided to any person who requires more information to make an informed decision as to whether to participate in screening.

The screening test

Where an individual indicates that they wish to participate in the screening programme, the ward staff will ensure appropriate arrangements are made to facilitate the individual to collect the required samples

- The ward staff will ensure any completed test kits are posted in the self-addressed enveloped enclosed to the laboratory for testing.
- As far as possible, all declined tests should be reported back to Dr Kingsley who can inform BSO via the generic email address that the participant has declined.
- No reminder letters will be generated for this cohort of participants.

Results

Once the test kit is processed and reported by the screening laboratory, the results are issued by the Screening Office.

- Negative result:
 - Result letters are sent FAO Dr Kingsley via address below by 2nd class post. No further action is required until the next round of screening in two years.
- Positive result:
 - The Screening Office will forward any 'requiring further investigation' letters to Dr Kingsley at address;

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- Dr Kingsley will liaise with the ward to ensure appropriate contact is made with call/recall to arrange for SSP pre-assessment appointment and subsequent diagnostic tests.

Discharge from Muckamore

It is recognised that a participant could be discharged from Muckamore whilst in the midst of a screening episode. To reduce the chance that a participant with a positive result is then lost to follow up, a number of actions have been agreed.

- Dr Kingsley will ensure that BSO are informed of any updated address for anyone in the middle of a screening episode.
- The Screening Office will revert the individual to their registered home address and send a result letter to this address and the individual's registered GP once informed of this information.
- If no contact is able to be made with the participant, their screening history will remain on BSIMS and their pathway will reactivate if their GP registration status is updated at any time in the future.