

SCREENING

One of the priorities for Bolton is to identify more cancers earlier.


Local cancer screening programmes are known to increase the chances of spotting cancers early, and saving thousands of lives every year. However, whilst screening programmes are effective at targeting and invited the right people, there are still large numbers of patients who decline the opportunity to be screened. The NHS Cancer Screening Programme (NHSCSP) (2014) suggests that more could be done on a local level to improve uptake.

Cervical Screening

The NHS Cervical Cancer Screening Programme offers screening to all women aged 25 to 64 years.

This programme aims to reduce the incidence, and associated mortality, of invasive cervical cancer. If an overall coverage of 80% can be achieved, a reduction in death rates of around 95% is possible in the long term. Screening is currently offered at different intervals depending on age.

You will receive 2 letters of invite and a follow-up letter from the Practice. Cervical screening is carried out by the practice nurse at the surgery.

 Please phone the surgery to make an appointment.


St. Helens Road – 665588
Southbrook - 363600

Bowel Screening

The NHS Bowel Cancer Screening Programme offers screening every 2 years to all men and women aged 60-74 years.

Bowel cancer screening is really important as it can save lives. Screening aims to pick up changes that can appear long before any problems arise. Research shows that people who take part in screening programmes live a longer, healthier life. 98% of people who complete the bowel cancer screening kit will have a normal result and you will feel reassured.

The screening not only picks up early bowel cancers but also changes in your bowel that may lead to cancer in the future, and these can be treated much more easily than late stage bowel cancer. If you have the kit we recommend that you use it and send it back in the pre-paid envelope.

 If you have missed your screening, please phone **0800 707 6060** for a new kit, or if you would like information in a different language, easy read or DVD formats.

Don't be embarrassed about using your kit. Bowel Cancer Screening could Save Your Life. If you would like to speak to someone in the surgery about bowel cancer screening please make a telephone consultation and we are happy to discuss this.

If you are 75 or over you are encouraged to request a kit by calling the above number.

Breast Screening

The NHS Breast Screening Programme offers screening every 3 years to all women aged 50 to 70 years.

Breast screening aims to detect cancer at a very early stage, when any changes in the breast would be too small to feel. For women diagnosed early in England, the chances of surviving for 3 years is better than 99%. However, for those diagnosed at a late stage, this drops to just 27.9% (Cancer Research, 2014)

Recent data for Bolton shows that breast screening coverage stands at 73.2% (Health & Social Care Information Centre, 2016). Whilst this figure has improved from the previous year, the current achievement does not equate to previous performance, when the Bolton average was 74.7%

 If you have missed your appointment phone **01204 390346** to make an appointment.

If you would like to speak to someone at the surgery about breast screening please make a telephone consultation appointment to discuss this.