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## Bowel cancer screening campaign - April 2025

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Dear all

April is bowel cancer awareness month.

- Bowel cancer is the 3rd most common type of cancer.
- Bowel cancer screening is now available to everyone aged 54 to 74 when they become eligible. It is gradually expanding to include 50 to 53 years olds with the aim of completing this in 2025.
- The NHS automatically invites people once they become eligible for bowel cancer screening.
- Bowel cancer screening is offered every two years.
- The FIT kit is more convenient to use than the previous routine bowel cancer screening test.

On average:

- 97 out of 100 people who use their bowel cancer screening kit do not need further tests.
- 3 in every 100 people are asked to go to hospital for further tests.
- 8 in every 100 people who have a colonoscopy turn out to have bowel cancer.
- Download the [NHS App](#) get your future messages about bowel cancer screening straight to your smart device.
- Public information about bowel cancer screening is available here [NHS bowel cancer screening](#).

Please can we ask you to share the following campaign information and the attached image with your contacts?

### **Is your bowel cancer screening kit sitting at the back of a drawer?**

If you're 54 to 74, you should have received your NHS bowel cancer screening (FIT) kit through the post. That's because the NHS automatically sends a kit every two years to everyone in that age range and is gradually including people aged 50 to 53 too.

Out of every 5,000 people who use their test kit, nine turn out to have cancer. But if it's spotted earlier, the chances of recovering from bowel cancer are higher.

The test can be done in the comfort of your home and only needs a tiny sample of poo to test for signs of cancer.

April is Bowel Cancer Awareness Month so there's no better time to dig out the bowel cancer testing kit that you hid in that bottom drawer or look out for it in the post. And then put it by the loo. Don't put it off.

Find out more about bowel cancer screening at [NHS bowel cancer screening](#).

Many thanks.

Kind regards,

**Communications, Engagement and Insight Team**

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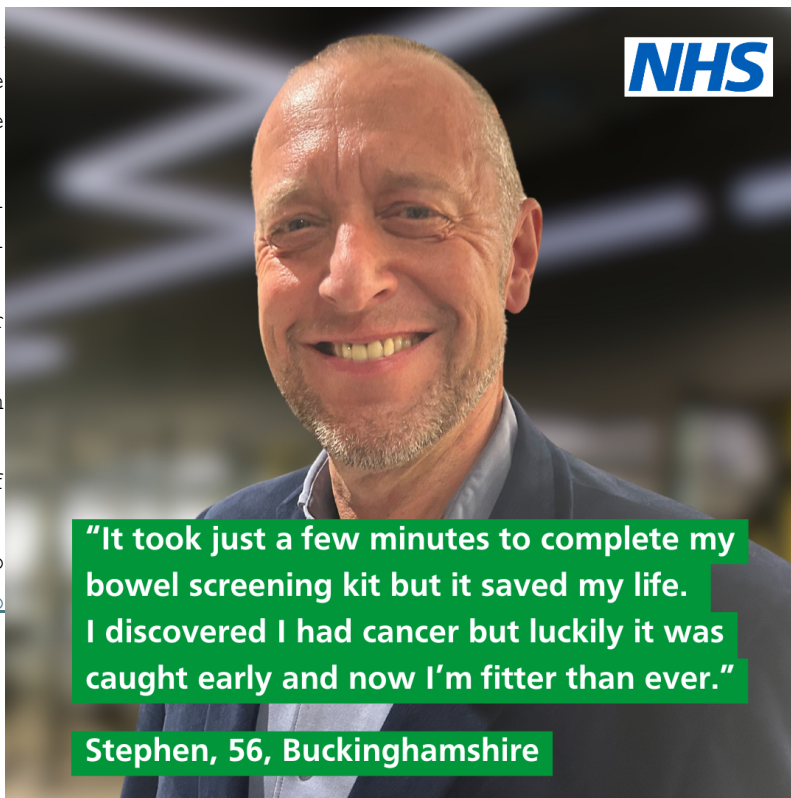


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