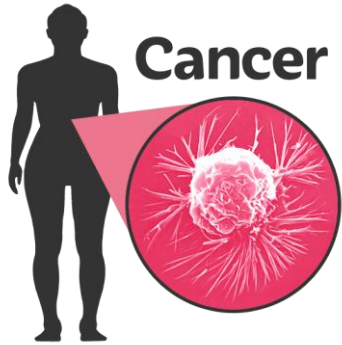


Improving bowel cancer screening for people living with learning disabilities

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Bowel cancer awareness



- Some people get a disease called bowel cancer - this is a serious illness you can die from
 - **Bowel cancer screening** helps find bowel cancer at an early stage
 - It is your choice to do the test or not - you can talk to your family, carer, a nurse or your doctor
- Or you can call the freephone number **0800 707 600**
- The test looks for tiny amounts of blood in your poo - you can do the test on your own or you can ask someone to help you

Bowel cancer screening



- you will get a screening test kit after you turn **54** years old, every **2** years until you reach **74**



- we will send you screening test kit



- it will include instructions

Ways to collect your poo



with toilet paper



open the kit



a clean empty container



wipe the stick through the poo



catch your poo before it goes in the toilet water



wash your hands with soap

After you take the test



- put your sample into the envelope, and post it back to us



- if your result is **positive**, you will get telephone appointment to talk about your results with a screening nurse



- they may offer you more tests at the screening centre



How we are supporting people with LD

- we will send you an easy read guide and letters

you can download an easy read guide at

www.gov.uk/phe/bowel-screening-easy-read



- we train staff on the bowel screening programme and tell them about reasonable adjustments that can be made – for example we can offer longer appointments at a time that is better for you



- we check our list to see if those who are on this list and if they are not, we can support them to encourage them to do it. E.g **Barnet Learning Disability database**

Barnet Learning Disability service



- there are **154** people aged **54** to **74**, with LD on their list
- **39** people were not sent a kit
- **56** people sent their sample back
- **59** people **did not** send their sample back
- the **59** people who did not send their sample back will be contacted by their Health Promotion Nurse, who will encourage them to send a sample back
- of the **59** people who did not send their sample back, **10** have been contacted
- **6** people have asked to have the kit resent

Next Steps

Cancer screening

Do you live in Camden or Islington?

Do you have a learning disability or do you support someone who has a learning disability?

Do you need support with cancer screening?

This includes bowel, breast and cervical screening.

Please contact Jasmin Oven
Health facilitator for cancer screening



Call Jasmin on
07483 112062