

Reference: FOI.ICB-2324/234

Subject: Lower Gastrointestinal Pathway

I can confirm that the ICB does hold the information requested; please see responses below:

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>1. Do you have a clear pathway in primary care for the investigation of non-cancer related lower gastrointestinal symptoms that include the use of faecal calprotectin tests? If yes, please attach a copy.</p>	<p>Guidance for primary care on investigating non-cancer lower GI symptoms is available on the Remedy website; Example pages are as follows:</p> <p>https://remedy.bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/adults/gastroenterology-and-colorectal-surgery/inflammatory-bowel-disease-suspected/</p> <p>https://remedy.bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/adults/gastroenterology-and-colorectal-surgery/faecal-calprotectin/</p>
<p>2. Are a) qFIT and b) faecal calprotectin tests available in primary care in your area and for what indications?</p>	<p>Yes, both are available for adults with indications detailed on Remedy:</p> <p>https://remedy.bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/adults/gastroenterology-and-colorectal-surgery/faecal-calprotectin/</p> <p>and https://remedy.bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/adults/gastroenterology-and-colorectal-surgery/fit-faecal-immunochemical-test/</p>

<p>3. Are a) qFIT and b) faecal calprotectin tests available in secondary care in your area and for what indications?</p>	<p>Yes, both tests are available in secondary care, any restrictions to requesting would need to be confirmed with the local secondary care providers.</p>
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The information provided in this response is accurate as of 26 September 2023 and has been approved for release by Dr Joanne Medhurst, Chief Medical Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.