DERBYSHIRE PRIMARY CARE PATHWAY FOR BOWEL SCREENING IN ADULTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

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Men and women aged 60-74 years invited every 2 years (No PNL). Sent to patients registered address

No response results in FOB being automatically dispatched to patient's home address 1 week after invitation letter

Patient completes the screening test-

Points to consider: In line with MCA 2005, does the patient have capacity to consent? If not, consider best interests. (Appendix 3 & 4)

Consider and liaise with patient/carers what reasonable adjustments are needed. (Appendix 5)

Refer to Community Learning Disability Team for extra support if needed (appendix 8)

Patient declines screening-

At the patient's Annual Health Check:

Talk to the patient and consider whether he/she understands what bowel screening is for/what it involves.

Discuss any fears/anxieties about the process and try to relieve these.

Offer the patient further information in a way that he/she understands (appendix 2).

Talk to the patient and consider what reasonable adjustments and extra support may be needed (appendix 5).

Consider referring the patient to the Community Learning Disability Team for extra support if needed (appendix 8)

Patient is a non-responder-

Following receipt of non-responder notifications the GP practice can contact the patients and send the accessible letter (appendix 1) and information (appendix 2).

Discuss screening at Annual Health Check.

Explore the barriers that the patient may be facing- what reasonable adjustments/support can be provided.

Refer to the Community Learning Disability Team for extra support if needed.

Defer patient back to recall if they continue to not respond after all the above has been attempted.

Follow pathway from 'Patient consents to screening' or 'Patient declines screening' should they respond.

Receipt and development of kit by Hub

Normal Abnormal result result (6 negative (5 or 6 samples) positive samples)

FOBt Offered offered in colonoscopy 2 years if at nurse <74 appointment

Does not

accept

Either 1 or 2 repeat kits dispatched

Unclear

result

(1-4)

positive

samples)

Spoilt kit/ technical

fault

1 repeat kit

dispatched

Unsuitable Accepts colonoscopy -imaging

In line with the MCA 2005, Does patient have capacity to make an informed choice?-

If there is doubt, carry out a Mental Capacity Assessment* and clearly document this in the patient's records (see appendix 3 +4).

*must be performed by an individual who has undertaken MCA training

Does he/she understand what the bowel screening test is for/what it involves?

Does he/she understand the risks of not having bowel screening?

Can he/she retain the information long enough to make a decision?

Will automatically be

referred back to recall.

Yes

Consider risks and best interests ensuring that all relevant people are involved and that it is clearly documented.

No

Screening is in the patient's best interests: consider reasonable adjustments and extra support (appendix 5)