



Peninsula Cancer Alliance
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South West Cancer Alliances

Faecal Immunochemical Test Project Update

Final Project Evaluation

Data has been requested by the University Of Exeter Discovery Team from providers to support the evaluation. This data set was developed in consultation with RDE and a webex has been held with Cancer Managers and laboratory leads to ensure the request is achievable within the timeframe.

A data sharing agreement is being distributed this week which articulates the data flow chart and Cancer register data field items as well as additional requirements i.e. timescale for referrals following FIT; inclusion of patients who have ED presentations; patients who have a referral prior to FIT.

North Devon are producing an SCR query, spreadsheet and SQL to support cancer managers with data capture. Data to be returned to Sarah Bailey of the Discovery Team by 27th February 2020. The negative predictive value will be calculated and shared with commissioners by the end of the financial year. The remainder of the analysis will be provided by the end of the first financial quarter of 2020/2021 (June 30th).

Project Closure

The final steering group meeting will be held on the 26th February.

Establishment of the FIT Clinical Advisory Group

A South West Faecal Immunochemical Test Clinical Advisory Group (FITCAG) has been established to advise on the use of FIT in clinical practice and recommending quality improvements to pathways that promote best practice and reduce unwarranted clinical variation. The advice from the FITCAG will support the commissioning and provision of equitable, high quality, clinically effective Colorectal Cancer services. The work programme for the FITCAG is as follows:

- Communicate the findings from the clinical evaluation of FIT (UoE DISCOVERY Team), and advise on changes to practice, accordingly e.g any threshold variations for different populations etc.
- Define and recommend a SW timeline to deliver NICE guidance - DG30
- Advise on improved care pathways e.g. the alignment of FIT with the faecal calprotectin care pathway and IDA Pathway
- Monitor best practice and findings from studies on FIT.