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Dear GP

**Pilot Colorectal Straight to Test Service at QEHLK – Under 60's years of age.**

The Colorectal Team at QEHLK NHS Trust are beginning a new service on 25 March 2019, which involves a redesign of the way 2 week wait Colorectal referrals from GP's are managed. The 'Colorectal Straight to Test' is being implemented in an attempt to modernise and streamline the referral system for patients with colorectal symptoms.

This service is specifically for patients under 60 who are otherwise fit and well? This will initially be trialled for 3 months but if successful will be adopted as normal practice with the possibility of expanding the patient group.

This service is part of the national 'Straight to Test' initiative and will enable patients to be seen in the most appropriate place in a more timely fashion, creating time to be spent with them once a diagnosis has been made.

The new service will also help us meet the Department of Health target that all patients with bowel cancers should be treated within 62 days of their referral by the GP.

Unfortunately the new referral form will not be available electronically as this is only a pilot scheme (copy attached). The service is available on E-Referral and has been called "2WW Adult Lower GI – STT Referral Assessment Service". Please ensure that the form is completed and attached to any referral that is sent in to the hospital for this service.

Many thanks for your support with this initiative.

Yours Sincerely

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