Supporting bowel cancer screening

Dear <Patient – insert name>,

We have been advised by the Bowel Screening Centre that you have not participated in the Bowel Screening Programme.

Bowel cancer is the fourth most common cancer in the UK. The aim of the Bowel Screening Programme is to discover bowel cancer at an early stage. The sooner it’s caught, the easier it is to treat.

Bowel screening involves a simple test that you conduct at home. For these reasons, we encourage you to consider participating in the bowel screening programme.

Whether or not to take part in bowel screening is your choice, so you should read the information materials you were sent with your screening invitation to help you decide.

If you have not received your screening pack or wish to have another sent out to you, please telephone the following number: 0800 707 6060.

If you’re not sure how to complete the test itself, and have access to the internet, this link will give you further information: http://www.cancerscreening.nhs.uk/bowel/publications/kit-instructions.html or speak to your practice nurse who can show you how to complete the kit.

If you have any concerns regarding the screening, please do not hesitate to contact the surgery for further advice.

Yours sincerely,