

St.Andrew's Medical Centre

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We have recently been advised by the **National Bowel Screening Programme** that you failed to return the test kit for analysis.

The Practice firmly believes that this simple test is a valuable aid in detecting any potential signs of bowel cancer, and would encourage you to reconsider your decision. Please see this website for more information about the programme: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/bowel-cancer-screening/>.

You should continue to be aware of any bowel symptoms such as:

- A persistent change in bowel habit, especially going to the toilet more often or diarrhoea and/or constipation for several weeks
- Bleeding from the back passage without any obvious reason
- Abdominal pain especially if it is severe
- A lump in your abdomen

Please remember that these symptoms do not necessarily mean that you have bowel cancer, but if you have one or more of these symptoms for four to six weeks, you should see your GP.

Should you no longer have the test kit and now wish to take part, you can call the Screening freephone number 0800 707 6060 and ask for another.

If, after careful consideration, you decide not to take part, please would you let us know by returning the slip below or letting reception know via email (standrews.mc@nhs.net) or in person.

Your decision will have no impact on any future medical services provided by the Practice.

Yours Sincerely,

The Team at St Andrews Medical Centre

Name: Date of Birth:

I do not wish to take part in bowel cancer screening at this time, please can this information can be added to my notes.

Signature: Date:

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