

Test Evidence Transition – Phase 2

What is Test Evidence Transition?

Test Evidence Transition (TET) is a multi-phase programme of commissioned health system evaluation activity. It focuses on interventions that have been proven to improve cancer outcomes but are not being adopted consistently. By gathering evidence in real-world contexts that will support their adoption, the programme seeks to ultimately reduce inequalities in access to proven interventions.

A core objective of the programme is to produce evidence to help decision-makers understand how to adopt an effective intervention, considering the realities of the highly complex, financially constrained health service. TET phase 1 supported three NHS teams across Scotland and Wales enhancing breast and prostate cancer care pathways.

TET phase 2

Phase 2 has been launched, with a focus on diagnosing bowel cancer earlier. Supported by funding from the Bowelbabe Fund for Cancer Research UK and our corporate partner Royal London, TET phase 2 has enabled five NHS health system teams to collaborate with a single academic partner and implement innovative bowel pathway interventions. The teams will rigorously evaluate the process, outcomes and impact of implementation, generating the evidence necessary to transition effective innovations into mainstream clinical practice. Phase 2 is scheduled for completion in mid-2027.

Our phase 2 teams



Project team

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Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust

Comparing different approaches to FIT-based risk stratification for cancer investigation, drawing on learnings from their local risk stratification model COLOFIT.

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NHS Wessex Cancer Alliance

Optimising discussions about bowel health during the primary care annual health check for people with a learning disability.

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NHS Borders

Improving the management of the endoscopy booking system and bowel cancer surveillance list.

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NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde

Evaluating the impact of changes to the symptomatic FIT pathway in response to a change in national guidelines.

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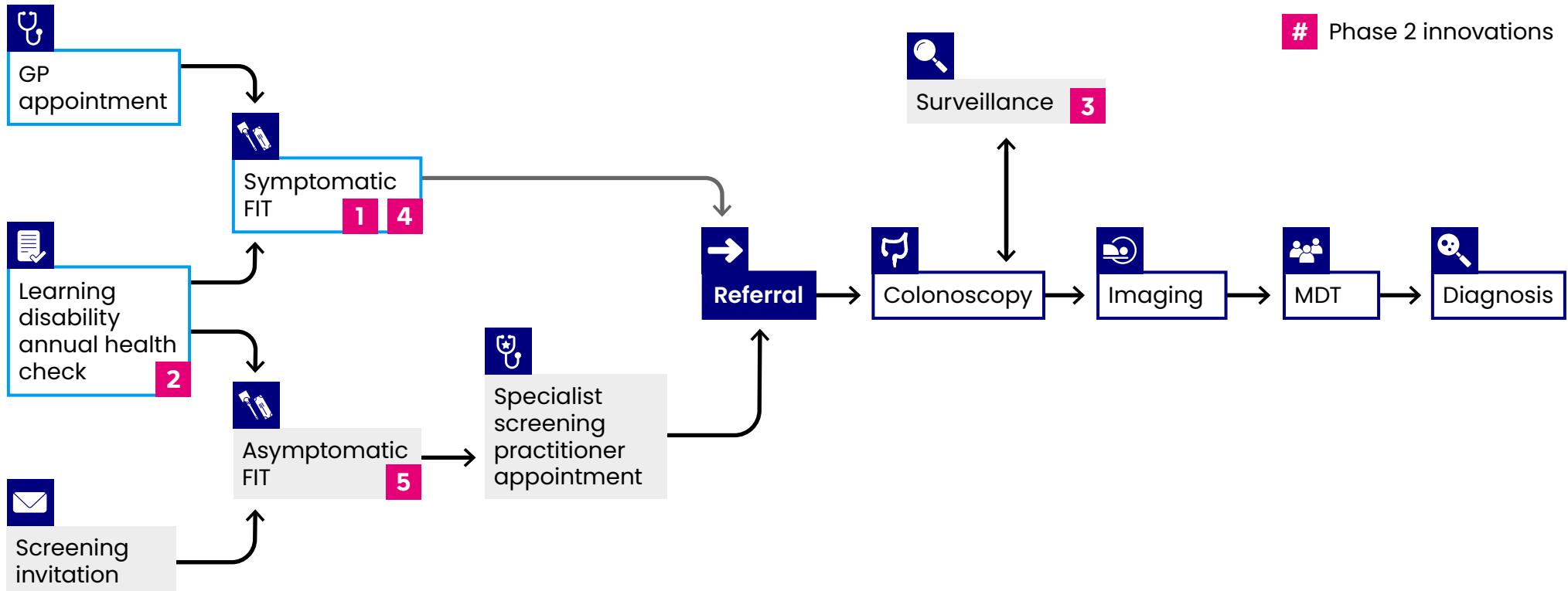
Bowel screening Wales

Improving follow-up communication with people after a positive screening result to support their decision-making in attending an appointment with a specialist screening practitioner.

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beating cancer

Bowel cancer diagnostic pathway

TET phase 2 projects focus on targeting different aspects of the bowel cancer diagnostic pathway. A visual of this is shown below:



Our academic partnership

Phase 2 has a single academic partner – a collaboration between the University of Oxford and the University of Cambridge. They work with all five health system project teams. As well as supporting the design of the project, our academic partner team will also analyse data and harness insights across all projects to co-create programme-level outputs.

