






# Bowel cancer screening programmes at a glance

October 2024

 Bowel	England 	Scotland 	Wales 	Northern Ireland 
Age	54-74 [a]	50-74	50-74 [b]	60-74
Frequency	2 yearly On request from 75	2 yearly On request from 75	2 yearly	2 yearly
Test	Faecal Immunochemical Test (FIT)			
Threshold	120 µg/g	80 µg/g	80 µg/g	120 µg/g
Uptake [c]	70% (2022/23)	66% (2021-22)	67% (2021/22)	58% (2022/23)

[a] Eligibility is currently expanding to include people aged 50-59 in bowel cancer screening, using a phased approach.

[b] People aged 50 will start to be invited for bowel cancer screening between October 2024 and July 2025.

[c] Caution should be taken when making comparisons across countries due to differences in time periods of data, changes to age ranges and/or differences in the definitions of coverage and uptake of screening.

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