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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding bowel cancer screening within Southport and Formby CCG.

Request/Response:

1. Do you commission first line screening e.g. full 4 antibody IHC and/or MSI for molecular features of Lynch syndrome in all newly diagnosed bowel cancer patients?
 - Yes, this test is commissioned for all bowel cancer patients as per DG27 NICE guidance
 - Yes, but it is only commissioned in bowel cancer patients aged under 50 years at diagnosis - please specify why the guidance has not been implemented.
 - No, we do not commission this test – please specify why.
 - Other commissioning strategy – please provide information.

[NHS Southport and Formby CCG does not currently commissioning this test but is working with colleagues across Cheshire and Merseyside to agree a consistent approach to the implementation of NICE DG27, including bowel cancer screening.](#)

2. If first line screening is currently commissioned (either in all cases or as a subset) are second and third line genomic tests being commissioned in cases of MLH1 loss i.e. BRAF mutation and MLH1 promoter methylation, as per DG27 NICE guidance?
 - Both BRAF mutation and MLH1 promoter methylation are commissioned
 - Only BRAF mutation is commissioned.
 - Only MLH1 promoter methylation is commissioned.
 - Neither are commissioned. Please specify why

[Neither are commissioned at present. The planning process is currently underway and will include assessment of genomic testing requirements](#)

3. If the full NICE guidance (DG27) is not currently implemented, do you intend to commission screening for molecular features of Lynch syndrome in all newly diagnosed bowel cancer patients across your area?
- Yes, we intend to commission universal testing as per DG27
 - No, we do not intend to commission DG27 – please provide information on why.

Neither are commissioned at present but we are working with the Cancer Alliance to determine a common approach across Cheshire and Merseyside.