

Bowel Cancer Awareness Month, April 2019

As **APRIL is Bowel Cancer Awareness Month** we are focusing on the **cancer risks and facts for Bowel Cancer**

The Public Health England National General Practice Profiles show that for the past 30 months ending in 2018/19, 58.8% of people eligible for bowel screening in Leeds, completed the test.

Did you know:

- Bowel cancer is the **4th most common cancer** in the UK and in Leeds (behind breast, prostate and lung cancer)
- However, it is the **second most common cause of cancer** death in the UK in 2014 (behind lung cancer)
- There are around **42,000** new cases a year.
- **57%** of people survive bowel cancer for **10 or more years** (2010-11, England and Wales).
- Around half of bowel cancer cases in the UK are linked to major lifestyle and other risk factors
- Bowel cancer is more common in White people than in Asian or Black people.
- Bowel cancer deaths in England are more common in people living in the most deprived areas.
- There are a number of conditions that can **increase the risk** of bowel cancer -
 - An inherited bowel condition called **familial adenomatous polyyps** (FAP)
 - An inherited bowel condition called **Lynch syndrome**
 - A **strong family history** of bowel cancer
 - **Ulcerative colitis or Crohn's disease**
 - **Polyyps** in the bowel
 - **Previous history** of bowel cancer
- If you are concerned about your family history speak to your GP and they may be able to reassure you or refer you to a clinical genetics service or family cancer clinic.

Want to know more?

Following these links:

1. [Bowel Cancer UK](#)
2. [Cancer Research UK](#)
3. [Macmillan](#)
4. [Cancer Research UK: Engaging Primary Care in Bowel Screening GP Good Practice Guide](#)
5. [Public Health England Statistics for your GP surgery](#)

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- [CRUK](#)

- [Bowel Cancer UK](#)
- [Easy Read Guide PHE](#)
- [Public Health Resource Centre Leeds](#)