

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/23/485
Lower Gastrointestinal Pathways and Tests

- 1. Do you have a clear pathway in primary care for the investigation of non-cancer related lower gastrointestinal symptoms that include the use of faecal calprotectin tests? If yes, please attach a copy.**

Please see the attached HealthPathways documents relating to suspected colorectal cancer, diarrhoea, constipation, irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), and inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) pathways.

The IBS and IBD pathways are currently undergoing a three-year review update.

- 2. Are a) qFIT and b) faecal calprotectin tests available in primary care in your area and for what indications?**

Yes, faecal immunochemical tests and calprotectin tests are available in primary care.

For the indications, please see the attached HealthPathways documents relating to faecal immunochemical test (FIT) and calprotectin tests.

- 3. Are a) qFIT and b) faecal calprotectin tests available in secondary care in your area and for what indications?**

Yes, FIT and calprotectin tests are available in secondary care, under request only, and for the same indications as in primary care. However, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board also uses FIT for monitoring responses to treatment in IBD.