[Insert GP name, Practice address, contact details]

[Insert date]

Dear [Insert patient name],

Our records show you have not completed your bowel screening test kit (see picture below).

We are writing to you to show our support for the NHS Bowel Screening Programme.

Bowel Cancer Screening aims to find bowel cancer at an early stage before you notice any symptoms. Evidence shows that if bowel cancer is seen at the earliest stage, more than 9 in 10 people will survive. Early detection is so important to survival.

Bowel cancer is the fourth most common cancer in the UK and the second biggest cancer killer. More than 16,000 people die each year from the disease; screening can help to reduce this number.

We encourage you to complete the screening test kit which you should have received through the post. It is your choice whether you complete the test kit, you should read the information you were sent with your screening invitation to help you make a decision.

If you did not receive your screening test kit or wish to have a new one sent out to you then please call the Bowel Screening helpline free of charge on **0800 707 6060.**

If you have access to the internet, the following link provides more information on how to complete the test and includes video instructions [www.nhs.uk/bowel-test](http://www.nhs.uk/bowel-test). The next link shows the video in 10 different languages including British Sign Language <https://vimeo.com/showcase/6663813>.

If you do not have internet access, or still need more information on completing the screening test kit, please contact your practice nurse. If you require any further information on bowel screening you can either contact the Bowel Screening helpline on **0800 707 6060** or contact our Practice for further information.

Yours sincerely

**Bowel Screening Test Kit**

[Insert Dr’s name and electronic signature]