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Subject:	Primary care pathways for lower gastrointestinal (GI) symptoms
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Requested:

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 so, I would appreciate if you are able to share any details you may have.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) operates in accordance with National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) Diagnostic Guidance DG11 'Faecal calprotectin diagnostic tests for inflammatory diseases of the bowel'. A copy of the guidance can be accessed via the hyperlink: [Overview | Faecal calprotectin diagnostic tests for inflammatory diseases of the bowel | Guidance | NICE](#).

The UHB is in the process of reviewing all primary and secondary care pathways, and a meeting is scheduled in September with Gastroenterology colleagues to plan how to address Gastroenterology pathways as a whole.

A platform is being implemented to give all clinicians easy access to pathways, with GP clinical editors having been appointed to review them.