

**Patients Pending Decision to Proceed to Bowel Cancer Screening  
 Programme Investigation**

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**Key Amendments**

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19 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Documents extended for 6 months whilst reviewed	Emma Duggan
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**Introduction**

There are a small number of patients who, following SSP positive assessment clinic, do not wish to arrange investigation straightaway (e.g. soon to go on holiday, want to think / read about risks and benefits etc.)

The purpose of this guideline is:

- To ensure these patients understand the reasons an investigation is advisable.
- To ensure that their decision is correctly recorded on the Bowel Cancer Screening IT System (BCSS).
- To ensure patients have the relevant contact details to discuss things further.

**Scope of This Document**

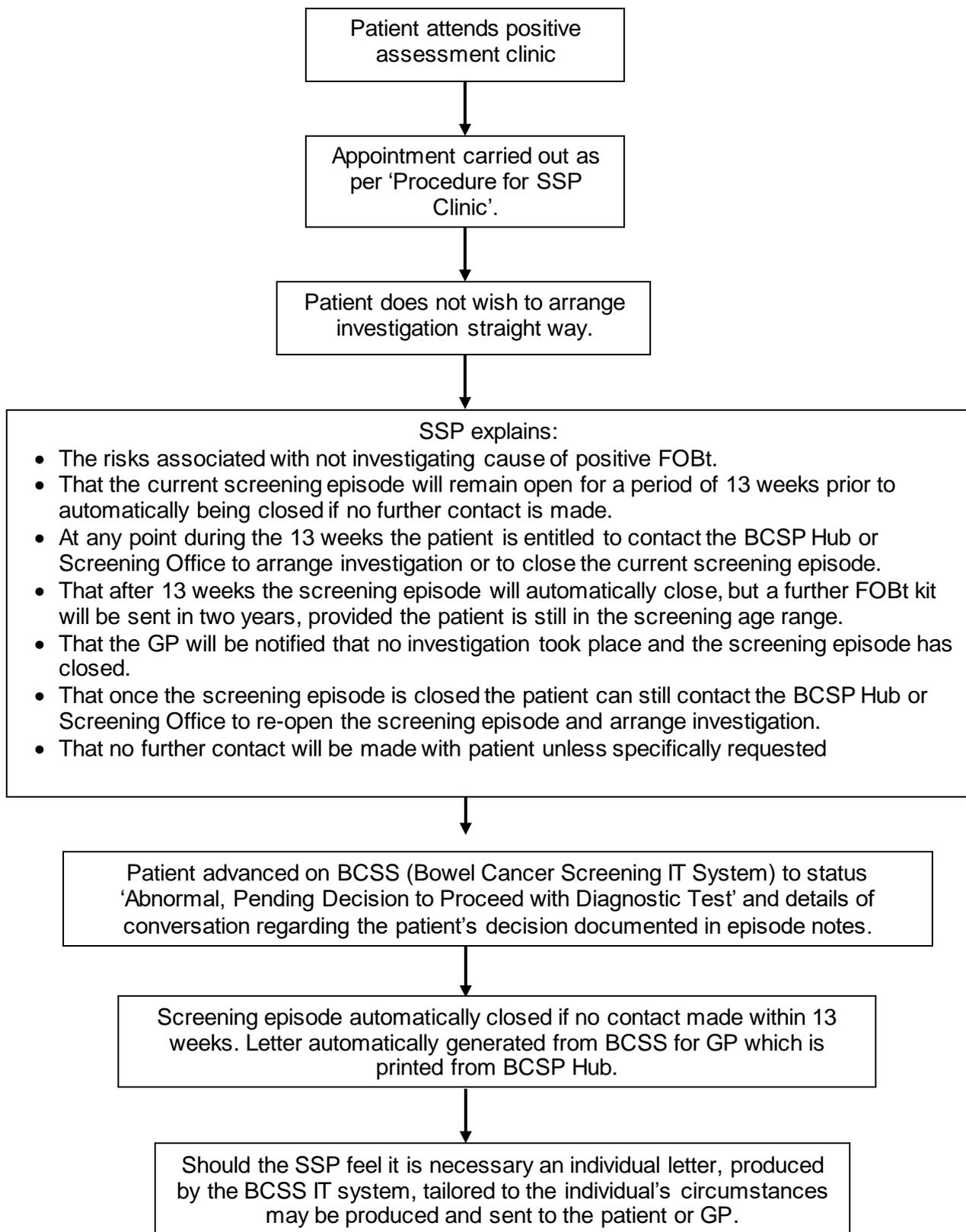
This document applies to Specialist Screening Practitioners (SSPs) and administrative staff working within the Herefordshire & Worcestershire Bowel Cancer Screening Programme.

**Implementation**

This guideline will need to be implemented in the event of a patient who requests thinking time following attendance at SSP positive assessment clinic. All BCSP staff will be notified of this documents existence and it will form part of the induction plan for new staff.

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Appendix 1 – Example of BCSS produced GP letter

25 December 2005

Dr A GP  
A Surgery  
A Road  
A Town  
A County  
ABC 123

A101 278/7/26

NHS No: 333 333 4444

Dear Mrs Example-Subject

**NHS Number: 333 333 4444** Patient name: Mrs Anne BELINDA Example-Subject, at Hembury House, Cheriton, Shobrooke, Crediton, Devon YY1 5TT.

The patient named above has been discharged from their current round of bowel cancer screening. They were offered further investigations following an abnormal FOBt result, but they have not responded with a decision and therefore have been discharged. If they decide to take up the offer of further investigations at a later date, then they may still do so.

If the patient is still within the screening age range in two years' time then they will receive another invitation to participate.