

Bowel Cancer Screening Programme Guideline for managing Colonoscopy capacity

This guidance does not override the individual responsibility of health professionals to make appropriate decision according to the circumstances of the individual patient in consultation with the patient and /or carer. Health care professionals must be prepared to justify any deviation from this guidance.

Introduction

This guideline explains the process for obtaining additional capacity for Bowel Cancer Screening Colonoscopy when demand exceeds the usual levels.

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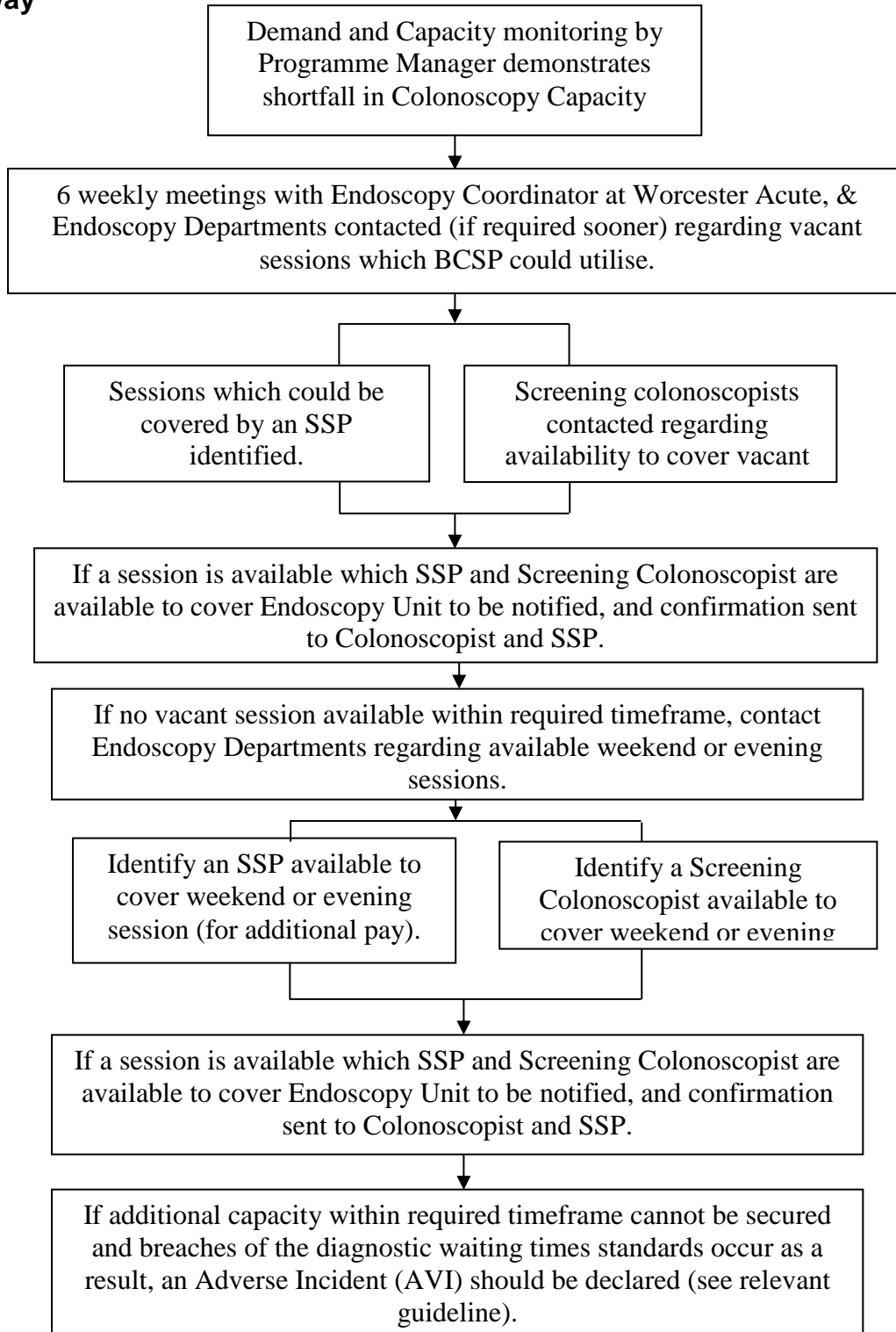
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Introduction

The Bowel Cancer Screening Programme (BCSP) dictates that **95%** (achievable, 90% acceptable) of patients should be offered a date for first diagnostic test within 14 days of their clinic appointment. In order to meet this standard it is necessary to monitor and adjust capacity for colonoscopy in line with the demand from clinic.

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