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Dear Colleague

### **NHS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT SCOTLAND DRAFT CLINICAL STANDARDS FOR BOWEL SCREENING**

You are invited to attend an open meeting being organised by NHS Quality Improvement Scotland (NHS QIS) to discuss the draft clinical standards for bowel screening.

The incidence of bowel cancer is high in Scotland; it is the third most common malignancy experienced by men and women and is second only to lung cancer as a cause of cancer death in the combined male and female population, with an estimated 3.8% of men and 2.6% of women in Scotland developing bowel cancer by the age of 74.

NHS QIS has developed draft clinical standards for bowel screening. The draft standards complement the Scottish Executive Health Department's initiative to help tackle bowel cancer, with the roll-out of a national bowel screening programme aimed at men and women aged between 50 and 74 years. The programme will commence in 2007 and will be phased in gradually over a 3 year period to all NHS health boards, aiming to reduce mortality from bowel cancer by 16% in the target populations.

The purpose of the open meeting, which is being held as part of a wider process of consultation, is to give members of the public and healthcare professionals from all parts of Scotland an opportunity to express their views, ensuring the draft clinical standards for bowel screening are well-defined, easy-to-use and understand, and ultimately, effective.

During an open meeting the draft clinical standards for bowel screening will be presented by members of the bowel screening project group. The audience will then divide into groups to discuss in detail each of the 7 areas for which draft clinical standards have been set. Feedback from the discussion groups will be used to develop the final version of the standards. Your contribution will therefore be critical to ensure we have set the right standards for the service.

The open meetings will take place as detailed overleaf:

Hilton Glasgow\*  
1 William Street  
Glasgow G3 8HT

Tuesday 15 August 2006  
10.00am - 3.30pm

\*For those delegates attending this venue please note  
car parking charges will be incurred.

Highland Conference Centre  
Swallow Newton Hotel, Inverness Road  
Nairn IV12 4RX

Tuesday, 5 September 2006  
10.00am - 3.30pm

This invitation and enclosures may be photocopied and circulated to other interested parties, noting that an application has been made for continuing professional development (CPD) points, which will apply at each open meeting.

To reserve your place please return the attached registration form by the date specified, indicating your preferred discussion group. Please note, places will be reserved on a first come, first served basis. A copy of the draft clinical standards for bowel screening will be sent with a subsequent letter, to be issued shortly, in addition to being made available as part of the delegate pack on the day of the open meeting.

While we value all contributions and want to encourage maximum attendance, please note that we are unable to pay any expenses you may incur in attending open meetings.

We look forward to your attendance and valued contribution.

Yours sincerely



**Ali McAllister**  
**Project Officer**

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1. Open meeting registration form
2. Open meeting programmes (Glasgow and Nairn)
3. Open meeting flyer
4. NHS Quality Improvement Scotland bowel screening project group membership list