

Dear Primary Care Colleagues,

We would like to inform you that the Gastroenterology & Hepatology Department at Barking, Havering & Redbridge University Hospitals NHS Trust is committed to providing **comprehensive, end-to-end care pathways** for patients in the community. Our services are designed to offer seamless support, from initial consultation through to ongoing management, ensuring a continuous and holistic approach to patient care.

We are pleased to share that our service is now **open and available via electronic Referral Service (e-RS)**, allowing for efficient and streamlined referrals. This ensures that our patients can access timely and coordinated care at every stage of their treatment journey.

We encourage you to take advantage of this service, as it will enhance the care we provide to our shared patients.

We are proud to offer a comprehensive Digestive Disease Centre, where we foster strong, collaborative relationships between our multidisciplinary team of experts, including GI Surgeons, Gastroenterologists, Hepatologists, and the Bowel Cancer Screening team. Our centre is also home to one of the most advanced Endoscopy units in the country, providing cutting-edge diagnostic and treatment services.

Starting in April 2025, we will be one of the select **Early Adopter centres in England for FIT@80**, pioneering the introduction of a new, lower threshold for bowel cancer screening at 80 mcg/gm. This initiative is aimed at detecting early-stage pathologies and cancers, allowing for earlier intervention and potentially more effective treatment outcomes.

Our Gastroenterology and Hepatology services are designed to provide you with continuous care, ensuring that our patients receive a responsive and personalised experience throughout their treatment journey. We are committed to offering the highest level of care and support. Should you have any questions or require further information, please don't hesitate to reach out to us via the following email bhrut.gastroleads@nhs.net

We are here to assist you and ensure your care is as seamless and effective as possible.

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