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Important information regarding FIT tube distribution – ACTION REQUIRED

Dear GP colleagues,

We are writing to inform you of a change to the distribution of Faecal Immunochemical Testing (FIT) sample tubes which will commence in January 2026.

You will no longer need to manually request FIT tubes from our stores team. Instead, FIT tubes will be automatically distributed to your practice on a 6 monthly basis. The number of tubes distributed will be tailored to your practice's workload of FIT tests and will ensure that you have the correct number of tubes for all your FIT test requesting in each 6 month period. This is in line with stock management processes in place at our neighbouring Barts Health NHS Trust.

As part of this new initiative, we ask that you complete the following survey linked below:

[Faecal Immunochemical Testing: Tube stock response – Fill out form](#)

Please complete this by the 15th December to enable us to tailor the correct number of FIT tubes for your practice.

This change will result in a significant cost saving to the NHS due to better stock control of FIT tubes, which are considerably more costly than standard sample tubes. To enhance this cost saving and ensure that this new system is effective and efficient, we do ask that you try to identify any areas of FIT tube wastage within your practice.

Please note, if your practice has been identified as potentially sending FIT samples to another laboratory, we will be sending you an additional letter as tubes will need to be sourced from the associated Trust rather than BHRUT going forward.



Key points to note:

- 1. As of January 2026, FIT Tubes will be automatically distributed on a 6 monthly basis, tailored to your practice's workload numbers.**
- 2. You will no longer need to manually request FIT tubes via bhrut.clinicalsupplies@nhs.net – requests that come in via this route will not be fulfilled.**
- 3. Completion of the linked survey is essential to facilitate this new system.**

If you have any concerns about your FIT tube stock levels once the new system is in place, you may contact us by emailing bhrut.fit-testing@nhs.net. We will review your workload and adjust your allocated number of FIT tubes appropriately, or send out top-up packs as and when required.

If you have any questions please contact bhrut.fit-testing@nhs.net.

Yours sincerely,



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