BCSP - Flexible Sigmoidoscopy (Bowel Scope) Screening

Protocol for referring flexible sigmoidoscopy patients for a screening colonoscopy

The following patients should be referred for colonoscopy in the Bowel Cancer Screening Programme:

- Any patient with a polyp $\geq$10mm
- Any patient with, on a histological report
  - 3 or more adenomas
  - An adenoma with villous or tubulovillous component
  - An adenoma with high-grade neoplasia (dysplasia)
- Patients with 20 or more polyps which are $\geq$3mm, hyperplastic in appearance and above the distal rectum

The following patients may be referred for colonoscopy in the Bowel Cancer Screening Programme:

- Any patient with suspected adenomas, which fit criteria for removal but where this may not be appropriate at initial flexible sigmoidoscopy screening exam
  - On anti-coagulant or antiplatelet therapy (though biopsies can be taken if required)
  - Patient intolerance of procedure / discomfort
  - Multiple suspected adenomas (e.g. $>6$),
  - At risk of vCJD
- A patient with a polyp which is technically difficult to remove e.g. due to poor access, in an unstable position, or recurrence in a previous polypectomy scar

Notes
Adenomas will be summated from all endoscopy examinations to determine appropriate surveillance interval

Any polyp not retrieved is assumed to be an adenoma

Hyperplastic-looking polyps < 5mm in rectosigmoid area need not be removed where the endoscopist is confident that they are safe to leave in situ