FIG 1. BOWEL SCREENING PATHWAY FOR PEOPLE WITH A LEARNING DISABILITY

Gateshead and South Tyneside Community Learning Disability Team and GP Practices

Person identified by ePNL as qualifying for bowel screening. Invite letter and Bowel Screening Kit sent out by Bowel Screening Hub → Reminder letter sent by Hub if record of non-participation of completing test after four weeks → At 13 weeks a letter sent to GP from Bowel Screening Hub stating person did not participate in Bowel Screening Test

Person Contacted by CLDN within 10 days of referral receipt, arrange visit to do discuss bowel screening → CLD Nurse assess capacity

Person has capacity and agrees to test CLDN orders Bowel Screening Kit → Bowel Screening Kit completed by person or with support from carer/CLDN and returned to Hub in post → Hub informed if test results are normal; person informed if test is abnormal → Test normal person off pathway for two years

Person lacks capacity in best interest to have Bowel Screening Test and agrees to test CLDN order Bowel Screening Kit supports carer/family/Nurse person with

CLDN to inform GP of non-participation and ask if GP can raise again with person at Annual Health Check

Person has capacity decline to do test → Person supported with further test by carer, CLDN nurse if requested or assessed as required → If required carer/CLDN joint work with learning disability liaison nurse to support in further investigations

Person of pathway for two years

ePNL - electronic prior notification list

CLD - Community Learning Disability Nurse

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