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**RESPONSE BOWEL CANCER SCREENING**

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**1. Purpose of the Item**

To receive the following response from Jan Yates, Director of Public Health Improvement at the Mid Essex NHS Trust in response to a question raised at the Mid Area Forum on 5 March 2009.

The screening programmes we run are nationally defined, not local. The UK's National Screening Committee sets the standards based on a range of criteria and then PCTs implement the programmes locally. The age range for this national programme is men and women between 60 and 69. It would not be effective to run a full population screening programme outside these ages but anyone who wants to be tested can discuss it with their GP or phone a number given on the information leaflet or on the website at:

[www.cancerscreening.nhs.uk/bowel/](http://www.cancerscreening.nhs.uk/bowel/)