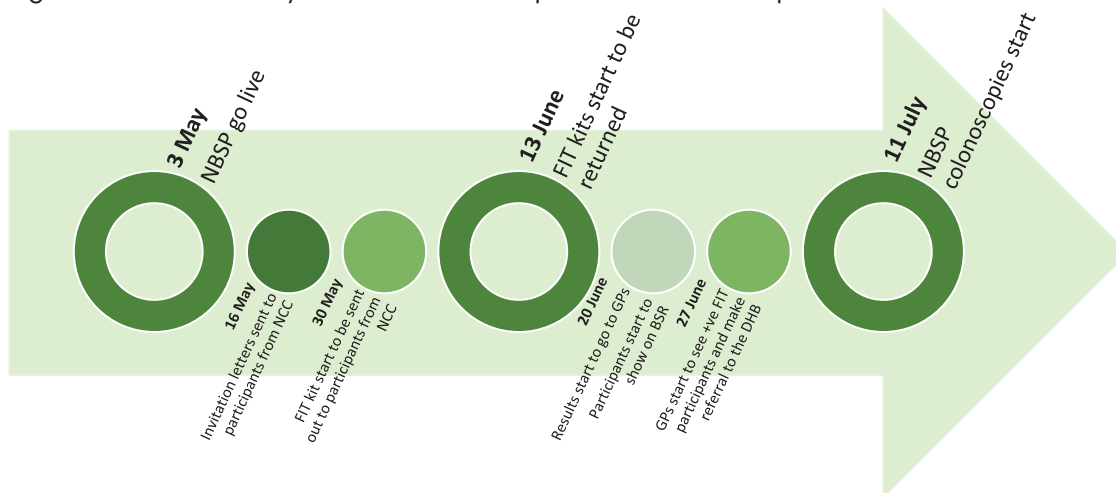


NBS Programme start up – we’ve gone live!

Now we have gone live you can review the timeline that includes invitation letters, FIT kits, and colonoscopies at Tauranga and Whakatāne hospitals.

As of Monday 8 June, 1348 FIT kits had been sent out, 172 had been returned, with 9 positives so far – its early days and we are currently awaiting GP referrals after they have discussed the positive FIT with their patient.



Tuku programme



Tuku is a national software solution that enables health providers to electronically order FIT kits for priority populations – Māori, Pacifica and those residing in deprivation 9 and 10.

Electronic ordering has been a proven strategy to achieve increased NBS participation following kōrero between health providers and priority populations. We are keen to provide access to Tuku and will be starting with one or two Hauora. We will iron out any issues and begin to offer to others as we get the process right.

BOPDHB NBS new staff

My name is Sandy Marshall and I have recently joined the BOPDHB NBS Team in the Administrator/Scheduler role. I feel very privileged to be a part of this amazing team. I was born in Wairoa, I moved from Auckland to Tauranga in 2019 and we are loving the outdoor lifestyle. I have two adult children and one cute little sausage/poodle dog named Max. I have had previous experience working with people with disabilities and I am focused on supporting equity.



Te Rūnanga Hauora Māori o Te Moana a Toi and Māori Health provider engagement and collaboration

The NBS team and Te Pare ō Toi provided an update to Māori Health Rūnanga in late April.

This was an opportunity to share the work that we have been doing to get ready to go live. Some of the work included:

- The Ministry of Health readiness assessment to ensure we are going to provide a quality and equity based programme
- Development of an Outreach Network which is about getting systems in place to engage priority populations – Māori, Pacifica and people who live in lower decile areas
- Māori stakeholder engagement which included hui with Te Amorangi Kāhui Kaumātua and Koroua and Kuia programmes and Hauora Days
- Primary Health Organisation and Primary Health Alliance education – further sessions are on offer during May 2022
- Locating local champions for the NBS, capturing their experiences with bowel cancer. You can see a couple of stories on the BOPDHB website [here](#)

We have also had the privilege to hui with a couple of different Māori Health providers about the NBS. There is a real keenness to lead through proactive engagement and promotion of bowel screening for their rohe and throughout their provider network. We will aim to get Tuku going as soon as possible with the teams.