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## **ACPGBI Chapter Update**

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### **General update**

- **Single Cancer Pathway**

The strategy of a Single Cancer Pathway has been presented in Wales at recent meetings. This has positive objectives to promote more rapid investigation and management of patients with suspected / diagnosed cancer and may help more clearly identify all patients within this cohort. Concern remains within MDT's across Wales about the current deficiencies within the provision of Pathology, Endoscopy and Radiology Services. Investment has not been identified as part of this change process and deficiencies in numbers of Consultant / Specialist Staff will require a long term strategy.

Introduction of FIT testing by Bowel Screening Wales (January 2019) will have a further significant impact on these Services despite the high threshold of 150mcg/g set with a significant increase in uptake of screening anticipated from the English pilot studies.

- **ACPGBI Enquiry – Colorectal Cancer Outcomes in Wales 2016 – Update on progress**

There is limited progress in Wales following this enquiry. Data collection was considered a key issue and the data collection platform (CANISC) was considered not "fit for purpose". It is not currently being updated in line with NBOCA changes. This is still delayed by funding but a decision is anticipated shortly by the Cancer Implementation Group.

Access to NHS Digital for Welsh Surgeons / MDT's to view their data was also an outcome of the enquiry and is supported by the ACPGBI and NBOCA. This is currently delayed by need for a process to upload data to NBOCA on a more frequent basis. Progress on these data issues is crucial to enable accurate comparison of outcomes with English Cancer Alliances.

- **Future Meetings:**

South Wales Chapter Meeting - December 2018