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Dear Mrs Anne B Example-Subject

Following the recent letter you received inviting you to take part in the NHS Bowel Cancer Screening Programme, please find enclosed your test kit together with full instructions on how to use it.

The test kit is used to detect tiny traces of blood, invisible to the naked eye, in your bowel motions. This test will identify people who may need further investigations. This could mean a repeat test and/or having a colonoscopy. Colonoscopy is an investigation looking at the inside of the large bowel with a small camera. Most people who complete a test kit do not need a colonoscopy.

Once you have completed the test kit, please return it in the **reply paid** packaging provided. No stamp is needed and the kit is safe to send through the post. Results from the test kit will normally be sent to you within two weeks. If you have not heard anything after this time, please call the **Freephone** number at the top of this letter (calls are free from UK landlines).

We do not have your medical history, and screening is not appropriate for everyone. **If you have already been referred to hospital by your GP for bowel investigations, or if you have had previous bowel surgery, then screening may not be appropriate for you. Please call us for advice using the Freephone number.**

You can also call the **Freephone** number if you have any queries about using the test kit, or if you need to request a replacement. If you need help from family or a carer in order to use the kit, please call us (or ask them to call us) for further important information. You can also use the **Freephone** number if you have any questions about taking part in the programme.

Yours sincerely



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