

For immediate release

21st April 2006

ISSUED ON BEHALF OF THE BRITISH SOCIETY OF GASTROENTEROLOGY

The British Society of Gastroenterology welcomes the statement from the Department of Health, which confirms that the National Bowel Cancer Screening Programme will be rolled out nationally over the next three years.

The President of the Society, Professor Tony Morris, who is also Director of the National Endoscopy Training Centre at the Royal Liverpool University Hospital, said:
“Although it is starting rather later than expected, it is now official that funds are being made available for this important national programme.”

Ends

For further information contact:
Evelyn Vittery/Melissa Neal
Bloomsbury Communications Ltd
Tel: 020 7833 3759
Email: evelyn@bloomsburycommunications.com