All primary care attendees aged 55 or more given screening pack

Patient does not complete

No further action

Patient completes with contact details

Positive screen: Nurse contacts patient by phone & sends information sheet

Patient completes anonymously

Negative screen: Anonymous AUDIT data incorporated into representativeness analysis

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Patient does not complete

No further action

Patient completes

Anonymous AUDIT

Patient completes with contact details

If No: No further action

Patient consents to baseline eligibility and assessment

If No: No further action

Patient eligible and consents

Randomised to minimal intervention: Intervention delivered by nurse

Randomised to step care: Behavioural change counselling delivered by nurse

28 day post step 1 assessment by telephone with practice nurse.

Non hazardous consumption no further treatment

Hazardous consumption referred to step 2. MET delivered by therapist at practice

28 day post step 2 assessment by telephone with practice nurse.

Non hazardous consumption no further treatment

Hazardous consumption referred to step 3. specialist alcohol services

Postal follow up at month 6

Postal follow up at month 6

Postal follow up at month 12

Postal follow up at month 12