

South West Cervical Screening Programme

Key information for GPs in Devon and Cornwall

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|   | <p>From 18 March 2020 the laboratory workload from the Devon and Cornwall cervical screening programmes is transferring. This is part of a new NHS cervical cancer screening service being launched across South West England.</p>   |
|   | <p>Commissioned by NHS England, the service will be run by Severn Pathology based at North Bristol NHS Trust for all practices across the region</p>   |
|   | <p>The 'Cervical Screening Administration Service' (CSAS) will continue to invite women for screening, and to send them their results letters. GP surgeries will receive 'Prior Notification Lists' (PNLs) for all patients due screening, from CSAS, as they do now.</p>  |
|  | <p>All requests for screening will now need to be made via the Open Exeter IT system by filling and printing the editable A4 portrait version of the Open Exeter form and including it with the sample. Access to Open Exeter can be requested from your practice manager.</p> <p>The lab is using a new scanning system and the use of this form will ensure accurate patient identification, correct patient management and improve efficiency for the whole service.</p> <p>Please do not write on any part of the form apart from the indicated text entry boxes.</p> <p>Please ensure when sending a request form with a sample to the laboratory, a clear indication of the patient pathway is given, including any history of colposcopy referrals and relevant histology outcomes.</p> |
| <p><b>Name:</b><br/><b>D.O.B:</b><br/><b>NHS No.:</b></p>                          | <p>The sample pot will need to be labelled manually or with a label printed from your practice system. The pot must have <b>three patient identifiers</b> to be acceptable.</p>  |

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| <p><b>Same sample taker codes</b></p>   | <p>Your sample taker codes will remain the same. Samples without sample taker codes will be rejected according to National protocol. If you require a sample taker code please contact your practice manager.</p>  |
| <p><b>Cervical screening samples ONLY</b></p>                                       | <p>Samples should be placed into small clear transport bags with the form and then into the orange and white large transport bags. Several cervical screening samples can be put in each orange bag.</p> <p><b>Please use these bags for cervical screening samples only.</b></p> <p>Putting any other pathology samples in these bags causes delay to results and the possible need for a repeat sample. Please seal the top of the bags, leaving the small absorbent pad in place.</p> |
|    | <p>Surgeries and clinics will continue to send samples via your usual pathology sample collection transport vans, always using the next available van to reduce turnaround times.</p>  |
|   | <p>Most patient results will be sent to the surgery electronically in the same way that other Pathology results are received. A small number of surgeries will continue to receive paper copies sent in the post. Patients that need treatment will be directly referred to their local Colposcopy clinic just as they are now.</p>  |
|   | <p>In the short term, you will continue to receive sample taker consumables from your current suppliers.</p> <p>This will soon be supplied by an external company called CellPath.</p> <p>These kits will include vials, brooms and transport bags. There will be more information provided closer to the CellPath go-live date.</p>   |
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