

New South West Cervical Screening Programme

Key information for laboratory staff

	<p>From 18 March 2020 the laboratory workload from the Devon and Cornwall cervical screening programme 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, it will be run by Severn Pathology based at North Bristol NHS Trust.</p>
	<p>NBT has agreed with commissioners to retain current sample collection infrastructure (which involves collecting samples from practices) but will be slightly changing where NBT collect from in the Devon area.</p> <p>There will be a daily collection from the Pathology receptions at RD&amp;E, NDDH, Torbay Hospital and Honicknowle.</p> <p>Daily collections will continue from South West Pathology Services, Cheltenham and Bath.</p>
<p>The cervical screening transport bags <b>should not</b> be opened at the reception hub sites.</p> <p>There is a protocol in place for other Pathology samples that end up in the wrong work stream, which includes giving feedback to the sample sender.</p> <p>NBT will be issuing orange and white transport bags across the whole region. Please use up your current stock of cervical cytology transport bags first to avoid wastage.</p>	
	<p>Sample taker consumables for the short term will continue as per the current system, but this will swap over to CellPath who are working as an external supplier on behalf of NBT. There will be more information provided closer to the CellPath go-live date.</p>
	<p>For more information visit: <a href="http://www.severnpathology.com">www.severnpathology.com</a></p>
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