



Cervical Screening – Information for Clients

We are able to offer cervical screening to women according to the NHS National Cervical Screening Programme (www.gov.uk/government/collections/cervical-screening-information-leaflets)

To provide a safe service before taking your sample we require the following information:-

- 1. Name and address of the General Practitioner (GP) you are currently registered with and the address your GP has for you.** If you are unable to provide these details, we may be unable to proceed with your test today.

If you are **not** registered with a GP we will **not** be able to take your sample today. NHS Direct (0845 4647) can help you find a GP near where you live.

- 2. Your name and an address where we can write to you if necessary.** Please confirm your address with the reception staff and the clinician that takes your sample.
- 3. Your NHS number.** If possible please also provide your NHS number, as this can facilitate the processing of your smear result.

Correct Interval For Your Next Smear: To help ensure your result letter shows the correct interval for your next smear it would be helpful if you could provide the date and result of your last smear and details of any previous abnormal smears if relevant

Receiving Cytology Results: Your result letter will be sent to you at the address your GP has for you. It will be sent by NHS England. If you have moved from the address your GP has for you, you may not receive the result letter. It is your responsibility to ensure that the address held by your GP is one at which you can be contacted. If you have not received a letter within four weeks, please contact either the contraceptive clinic where you had the sample taken or your GP.

Referral for Colposcopy: If your result indicated that you need to be referred for a further investigation called colposcopy the laboratory will refer you directly to the Colposcopy Service closest to that Laboratory. The Colposcopy Service will then contact you directly to arrange this appointment. Your GP will be informed of this referral.

Letters from Contraceptive Services: In addition to the letter from your PCT, we will write to you if there has been an infection suggested or reported by the laboratory. A sample taken for cervical screening does not specifically check for sexually transmitted infections.

If you would like further information, please discuss with the clinician.