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## Cervical Screening – Information for Clients

We offer cervical screening to women according to the NHS National Cervical Screening Programme ([www.cancerscreening.nhs.uk](http://www.cancerscreening.nhs.uk) and as set out in the Cervical Screening THE FACTS booklet, available in clinics). You should receive an invite letter when you are due for a cervical screen – please bring this with you to your appointment.

### Information we need

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.
  - 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. An address where we can write to you if necessary.
  - Please confirm your address with the reception staff and the clinician who takes your sample.
3. Your NHS number. If possible please also provide your NHS number, as this can facilitate the processing of your result.
4. If possible please also bring your invite letter indicating that you are due a cervical screen.

To help ensure that your result letter shows the correct timing for your next cervical screen it would be helpful if you could provide the date and result of your last screen and details of any previous abnormal screens.

### Receiving your results

Your result letter will be sent to you from NHS England **to the address your GP has for you**. If you have moved from this address, 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 clinic where you had the sample taken or your GP.

### Referral to Colposcopy

If your result indicates that you need further investigation, the laboratory will refer you directly to Colposcopy. The Colposcopy Service will then contact you directly to arrange an appointment with them. Your GP will be informed of this referral.

### Additional information

In addition to the letter you will receive from NHS England, we will write to you if there has been a significant infection reported by the laboratory. However 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.