

CERVICAL SCREENING

SAMPLE TAKERS UPDATE

LAB UPDATE

Reminder to all sample takers to use their correct NNUH Cervical Sample Takers Database (CSTD) code. Each laboratory issues their own CSTD codes. There is currently not a National Cervical Sample Taker Database. NNUH can be contacted on cstdhelpdesk@nnuh.nhs.uk for any queries.

In Extended Access and Sexual Health settings please use printed CSMS request forms, not hand written forms. Please can all sample takers also make sure they are using the labels printed from the ICE-NI/ICE system, in the first instance. If this is not available, legible hand written labels are acceptable. If a request is made in error in ICE-NI/ICE, and there is no sample being sent, please delete the ICE-NI/ICE request.

Please ensure that all sample vials are regularly rotated and reviewed for expiry dates. There should be at least 2 weeks remaining on the expiry when the sample is taken.

CSMS CHECKLIST

Checklist for using Cervical Screening Management System (CSMS):

- Check next test due date NTDD (do NOT rely on local systems)
- Check your Prior Notification List's
- Review results
- If you are required to cease a patient, always check CSMS. Have they already been ceased?
- Is the patient under the care of colposcopy? Colposcopy patients will be followed up by their local colposcopy team. This will be stated on CSMS
- If in doubt, contact the lab CytologySeniors@nnuh.nhs.uk

FUTURES

We encourage all sample takers to register and have access to NHS Futures: [Home page – Futures](#), this will provide updates on screening programmes, screening data and upcoming events. Please request to join the [East of England Cervical Screening workspace – Futures](#)

DIGITALISATION

Invitations and ALL results communications are now being sent digitally via the NHS App. If NHS App notifications are not read, a letter will still be posted.

Please encourage everyone to download the NHS App and enable notifications:

www.nhs.uk/nhs-app/

Please be aware that if you add a cervical screening result to a patient's clinical record this may show on the patients NHS App. There is a risk that the patient will see this information before they receive their result notification, which may cause unnecessary concern.

NEW UPDATED 3 YEARLY CERVICAL SCREENING PROGRAMME- E-LEARNING FOR HEALTH



The 3 yearly update training has been updated to reflect the changes in screening intervals. Please see link- [Home – elearning for healthcare](#)

Sample takers are encouraged to access the module if they are now due or overdue for the 3 yearly update.

It is recommended that cervical sample takers undertake a minimum of 3 hours update training every 3 years. The [national eLearning resource for sample takers](#) meets the programme requirements for update training (this module equates to approximately 3 hours of learning).

UPDATES AND GUIDANCE

[NHS England – East of England »](#)

[Latest news](#)

[Education pathway - GOV.UK](#)

[NHS Cervical Screening Programme –](#)

[Good practice guidance for sample](#)

[takers - GOV.UK](#)

<https://nationalscreening.blog.gov.uk/2026/03/02/researchers-and-suppliers-give-uk-nsc-insights-into-novel-cervical-screening-technologies/>

TRANSGENDER?

Transgender and non-binary people who have a cervix are still eligible for cervical screening but may not be sent routine invitations. They can 'opt in' to receive cervical screening invitations routinely.

[Complete and submit the gender opt-in form](#) on the CSAS support page for transgender and non-binary patients who would like to receive cervical screening invitations.

The form includes information for patients that you can print out and provide.

SELF TESTING?

A national self-testing programme for people who have never been screened is expected to be rolled out later this year. Local support is going to be essential for successful national implementation so we ask that no local area take forward any work on HPV self-testing outside of a research project at this time. Further information and updates will be shared as soon as they become available.

