

Cervical Screening (Smear Test)



- Cervical screening (a smear test) checks the health of your cervix.
- It's a test to help **prevent cancer**.
- All women and people with a cervix **aged 25 to 64** should be invited by letter.
- The sample is checked for certain types of human papillomavirus (HPV) that can cause changes to the cells of your cervix.
- The test should NOT be painful.
- If these types of HPV are not found, you do not need any further tests.
- If these types of HPV are found, the sample is then checked for any changes in the cells of your cervix. These can then be treated before they get a chance to turn into cervical cancer.
- You'll get your results by letter within **2 weeks** explaining what needs to be done next (if anything).

It is very important you do not putt off your smear test as this is one of the best ways to protect yourself against cervical cancer.

Please click on the following link for further information from the **NHS website** including a short video showing how the test is carried out:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/cervical-screening/>

Some more helpful links:

Jo's Trust : https://www.jostrust.org.uk/information/cervical-screening/what-is-cervical-screening?gclid=EAlaIqObChMlieH7IbDo6wIVU4BQBh26vAj5EAAYASAAEgK0cfD_BwE

Cancer Research: <https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/about-cancer/cervical-cancer/getting-diagnosed/screening/about>

**Please call the surgery to book your appointment or if have any unanswered questions.
We will be happy to help.**