

North East & Yorkshire Cervical Screening Programme Update

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Service update

Our Cervical Screening department underwent a UKAS inspection on 2nd July for Cytology and HPV Molecular and there were no findings raised which is an excellent achievement. The Pathology laboratory has been recommended for transition to ISO 15189:2022.

Overall since April we have seen around 13.5 % increase in workload compared to last year. The current turnaround time indicates 85% receiving result within 14 days however there is a current backlog of around 3- 4 weeks for those samples requiring cytology. Please advise patients it could take 4-6 weeks to receive their results.

For the first time since taking over the service we have seen an improvement in ICE requesting (1%) now over 96% of samples are being requested on ICE. However we still had 20,997 samples from September 2023 to end of September 2024 received as manual requests. We would like to thank you for your continued support with this. If there are any issues preventing the use of electronic requesting, we will be happy to work with you to help resolve any problems. Please contact us on our generic email address above.

Guide for HMR101 Forms (only when ICE is unavailable)

Are you aware that completing the form on CSMS auto-populates some information. If you do need to manually fill in the form, please ensure that for following information is correct :

Date of Test

This is required for appropriate recall, history checks and sample processing priorities.

Specific Location

(e.g. Colp or Gynae, extended access clinic)

This is important to ensure correct patient Pathway is followed

Correct Sample Taker Code

Ensures the result goes back to the correct sample taker, provides assurance that correct training occurs and is needed for sample taker stats.

Up to Date Patient Name, Address and GP

Ensures the patient and GP receives the result

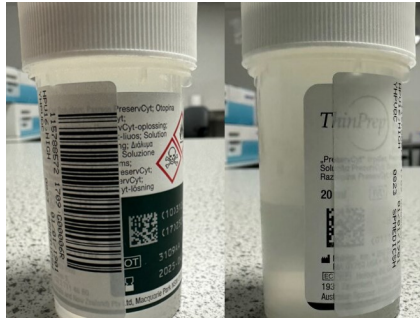
If the Sample has been Requested on ICE

Speeds up the requisition process and prevents confusion over duplicate requests

Incorrect / inadequate information requires confirmation of information via the phone which delays processing and reporting of the sample.

Poor Quality Labelling of Cervical Samples

Update from the Comms we sent out in May regarding labelling issues, we would like to thank you for your continued cooperation in improving this aspect of the service. There has been a significant improvement by the majority and we are in the process of providing additional support where required. Anyone that would like an additional labelling poster, please contact ghnt.cspadamin@nhs.net.



Correctly labelled vial

IT update

Upgrade to ICE v8.

ICE will be down all day on Sunday 20th October to install the new version of ICE. Any requests during this time will need to be requested on a HMR101 form. System will resume Monday 21st October, users should not notice any difference but any queries should be directed to ghnt.pathsupport@nhs.net or 0191 4456504.

CSMS Update

The new CSMS system is live. For any queries and feedback; visit www.csas.nhs.uk/csms-help/.

Did you know..

...It is the sample takers responsibility to provide **adequate history** to allow the laboratory to appropriately manage the patient. A recent audit has highlighted several occasions where the wrong recall was assigned due to incorrect information provided in the patient's history.

...It is the sample takers responsibility to check that the patient is **due** their cervical screening. The sample will be rejected if taken out of programme.

...A patient is referred to the **Colp unit** that their GP practice is mapped too. If the patient prefers to go elsewhere, it is the practice's responsibility to do this by following your referral protocol.

...Any **out of date** vials can not be processed. We recommend not to use any vials that have less than four weeks left on the expiry date.

...It is a HSE requirement to label any specimen and associated paperwork as **danger of infection** and double bag the specimen when there is a confirmed or suspected blood borne virus infection.



Help Us Improve

A user survey has been created to gather information about the service that is provided for your cervical samples:

<https://uk.surveymonkey.com/r/6C3KJGM>

