

CERVICAL SCREENING

PRIMARY HPV TESTING ROLL OUT AT FOR BRISTOL, NORTH SOMERSET AND SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE AREA

To All cervical screening sample takers and GPs – from the 11th September 2017 the screening programme for this area is converting fully to Human Papilloma Virus testing as the primary screening test. This means that the patient's sample will receive an HPV test as the main test with manual screening only being carried out if this test is positive.

The method for sample taking is exactly the same as for manual screening, the same brushes and vials are used and the same rules for restricted use of lubricant apply.

We have been piloting the protocol in some surgeries since September 2013 as part of the preparation for National roll out and we are now a Vanguard site for the NHS Cervical Screening programme.

Training packs are being distributed and can be requested from the Cytology Training Centre:

South West Regional Cytology Training Centre

Pathology Sciences Building

Southmead Hospital

BRISTOL. BS10 5NB

Tel: 0117 4149807

Website: www.cytology-training.co.uk

Information is also available from the Cytology laboratory:

North Bristol NHS Trust, Pathology Sciences Building, Southmead Hospital,

Southmead Road, Westbury-On-Trym, Bristol BS10 5NB

Tel 0117 4149889

Information is also available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/cervical-screening-professional-guidance>