From 19 November, a new NHS cervical cancer screening service will be launched across South West England.

Commissioned by NHS England, it will be run by Severn Pathology based at North Bristol NHS Trust.

All samples will receive the new primary HPV screening test, which is scientifically proven to be more sensitive and accurate than traditional cytology-based screening.

For women this will improve detection and outcomes.

Patients will continue to receive their smear test at their local surgery, receive results by letter and have any follow-up treatment at their local hospital.

GP surgeries will continue to send off samples and receive reports as normal, sample taker consumables can be ordered by e-mailing Cellular pathologycytologyadmin@nbt.nhs.uk

The only potential change for GP surgeries is that all requests for screening will now need to be made via the Open Exeter IT system by filling and printing the portrait version of the Open Exeter form and including it with the sample. This will ensure correct patient identification, correct patient management and improve efficiency for the whole service.

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