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ICARS Newsletter 17.06.22

Please find this week's ICARS newsletter attached to this email along with associated documents. Also attached is an amended version of the previous issue (91) for information.

Cervical Screening Awareness Week

The overall cervical cancer screening coverage across the South West fell to 73.3% on 31st March 2021 with **no local authority within the region meeting the national standard for cervical screening coverage.**

Lower attendance is particularly evident in the youngest age groups and in **under-represented groups** such as those from lower socio-economic, ethnic minority and LGBTQ+ communities.

To mark Cervical Screening Awareness Week (20-26 June), Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust are encouraging people to share tips, experiences, and positive messages about screening. Please find more information and details of how you can get involved here [Cervical Screening Awareness Week | Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust \(jostrust.org.uk\)](https://www.jostrust.org.uk/cervical-screening-awareness-week)

Cervical Screening Primary Care Resource Pack

NHSEI South West has produced a **primary care resource pack** which provides healthcare professionals practical information to identify local actions that will result in improved screening coverage, particularly amongst those in underserved communities.

Evidence shows that **simple interventions delivered through primary care have a significant impact** on improving participation in screening and can overcome some of the barriers or inequalities experienced by different groups.

There is evidence that **encouragement and endorsement by primary care practice staff, particularly GPs, is effective at providing a positive experience.**

We hope that you are able to participate in the upcoming awareness week and find the resource useful. If you would like any further information then please contact the South West NHSEI Screening & Immunisation team on england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net.

Further Information

- Back issues of these bulletins and attachments are available on the NHSEI website [here](#).
- If you have any questions or wish to provide feedback, please contact the Integrated Public Health Team at england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net

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