

# South West Public Health

## Section 7a Screening & Immunisations Bulletin



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### ICARS

Please find attached the fortnightly ICARS newsletter and associated documents.

### Cervical Screening Awareness Week – Additional Resources

Following Cervical Screening Awareness week, we have some additional resources to share with you -

[Go this Sway](https://sway.office.com/lauzZF5ACBI6Q9bP?ref=Link) or alternatively, click on this link if it does not work for you:  
<https://sway.office.com/lauzZF5ACBI6Q9bP?ref=Link>

### New NHS Cervical Screening Management System

The new NHS Cervical Screening Management System (CSMS) will replace the National Cervical Screening call/recall system, NHAIS, which is accessed via Open Exeter.

NHS England is stepping up preparations for switchover to the new NHS CSMS towards the end of 2023.

With the new system, accuracy and security of patient information will be improved, making sure every person eligible for a screening appointment continues to be invited on time and followed up if required. The new CSMS will be much easier to navigate, freeing up more time for frontline staff.

As Open Exeter will no longer be accessible after the transition to the new NHS CSMS, it is vital that local IT teams, Registration Authorities and system users take

action before 30 September 2023 to enable a seamless switchover to the new CSMS.

These actions are listed below.

By 30 September 2023 [IT managers and support staff need to:](#)

- ensure that the CSMS URL is accessible
- ensure users have devices which support NHS Smartcard authentication by making sure each machine has an up-to-date version of NHS Identity Agent and Credential Management installed and a supported browser
- check all devices have NHS Smartcard readers
- create a desktop shortcut for users to easily access the system

By 30 September 2023 [local registration authorities and RA Agents need to:](#)

- ensure that users' Smartcards have appropriate RBAC roles assigned to a specific CSMS workgroup - to maintain access controls, it is essential that only those staff requiring access to the new system have access permissions
- process in a timely manner new NHS Smartcard requests for cervical screening staff who do not currently have one
- ensure cervical screening users have up to date email addresses registered against their ID stored in CIS

By 30 September 2023 [system users, including GP practice staff need to:](#)

- liaise with your IT team to ensure the above steps are taken to prepare your devices for the switchover
- training on how to use the new system will be communicated separately with a distinct timeline

The current Open Exeter system will continue to support the NHS CSP until the point of transition to the new NHS CSMS for cervical screening call/recall. Managers and users don't need to change current working practices until further notice where specific details will be provided.

Please see the CSMS website ([New NHS Cervical Screening Management System - NHS Digital](#)) for further details.

## Further Information

Back issues of these bulletins and attachments are available on the NHS England website [here](#). **Please note that if there are no items for your information a GP Bulletin will not be circulated.** If you have any questions or wish to provide feedback, please contact the Integrated Public Health Team at [england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net](mailto:england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net).