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ICARS Newsletter

Please find attached this week's ICARS newsletter along with associated documents.

NHS Cervical Screening Programme – Screening Intervals

We have been made aware that some practices are informing their patients that the cervical screening interval has changed. We can confirm that currently no change to the Screening intervals for eligible individuals has occurred in England. Guidance regarding the screening target population and eligibility and inclusion criteria can be found here: [Cervical screening: guidance for call and recall administration best practice - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/cervical-screening-guidance-for-call-and-recall-administration-best-practice)

Cervical screening is for women and people with a cervix. The programme sends screening invitations to people with a cervix who are registered as 'female' or 'indeterminate' at the following ages and intervals.

Age 24.5: first invitation (invitations to first screen are issued at 24.5 years).

Ages 25 to 49: 3-yearly screening.

Ages 50 to 64: 5-yearly screening.

For further information please refer to [NHS cervical screening \(CSP\) programme : detailed information](#)

Further Information

If you have any questions or wish to provide feedback, please contact the SW Vaccination and Screening Team at england.swvast@nhs.net. 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.**