



## NATIONAL CERVICAL SCREENING CHANGES

As you may well be aware, the NCSP is changing the data collection requirements from July 1<sup>st</sup> 2010.

Many of these changes are to do with the way the laboratories report to the Register and mean that we have to collect **and report** additional data to that in the past.

We would be very grateful for your assistance in this matter.  
Below is the clinical update from the NCSP on this issue.

### Information required on laboratory referral forms:

Smear takers are reminded that it is essential to fully complete information on laboratory referral forms.

As well as the usual patient details, demographic information must include the woman's:

- NHI number
- postal address (including post code if known)
- ethnicity (self-identified by the woman)

Smear taker information must include:

- the smear taker's registration or HPI number
- the health facility identifier (ID) number.

This information is essential for accurate coverage, quality of smear, overdue and recall reports. As laboratories must provide these details to the NCSP Register as part of their HL7 messaging requirements, complete information on the form avoids the need for follow-up calls to smear takers. Full requirements for completing laboratory referral forms can be found in NCSP OPQS Section 4.

A reminder, also, that all referral forms must include relevant clinical information, including appearance of the cervix, symptoms and relevant gynaecological history.

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