**CERVICAL SCREENING Q&A**

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| **Question** | **Answer** |
| What is NTDD ? | Next test due date |
| Should sample takers all be keeping a list of all smears taken by us? | There is a requirement that every sample taker should audit the samples; you record the samples taken and then you check that you've received a result for those.  Alternatively your practice could set that search up and run that search on a monthly basis to ensure that every sample taker who has taken a sample in the practice has received a result for that sample submitted. |
| I still see girls who have been vaccinated against HPV with the virus needing yearly recalls or being seen at colposcopy. I’m concerned about the 5 year recall. | Evidence shows that if an individual has a HPV negative screen, their chances of developing cervical cancer in the next 5 years is very low. The 12 month recall for HPV positive individuals will remain.  [Cervical screening in Wales extended to every 5 years: Why the switch? - Cancer Research UK - Cancer news](https://news.cancerresearchuk.org/2022/01/07/cervical-screening-in-wales-extended-to-every-5-years-why-the-switch/)  <https://view-health-screening-recommendations.service.gov.uk/document/321/download> |
| We have had a rejection when smears have been taken in a hub on Saturdays or Sundays as sometimes external staff do not have access to Open Exeter. What should we do? We do try and check before a patient is booked in. | The SOP for extended access/Hub/PCN clinics states it is the responsibility of the patient’s practice to ensure they are due screening. The new system (when launched) should make it easier for all services to check the patients next test due date, however in the meantime, the practice should make every effort to ensure only whose who are due are booked in for screening. |

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