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Cervical Screening Coverage Dashboard – CSV Guidance

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# Introduction

This document has been produced to provide guidance for the comma separated values (CSV) files that accompany the cervical screening programme – coverage statistics release, available at the link below:

<https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/publications/statistical/cervical-screening-programme>

CSV files are simply tabulated data expressed in plain text, which are ideal for computer applications due to the lack of formatting.

NHS England is committed to releasing CSV files with its publications to support its compliance with the Open Data strategy[[1]](#footnote-1).

On 1st July 2022, as part of the 2022 Health and Care Act, Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) were abolished and replaced as statutory bodies by Integrated Care Boards (ICBs). As part of a transition phase, the geographical areas of former CCGs have been temporarily maintained, but are now known as Sub Integrated Care board (Sub-ICB) locations. For data provided in the csv files prior to Quarter 1 2022-23, Org names and codes refer to CCG locations. From Quarter 1 2022-23 Org names and codes refer to Sub-ICB locations. Although Sub-ICBs did not apply to the Q1 2022-23 period, the source dataset included those breakdowns so they have been used in the published data.

# CSV content

The CSV files are provided as flat, machine-readable files which can be loaded into different types of analytical software to permit further analysis.

The data content of the files replicates data in the dashboard. They enable users to quickly extract data in a similar format to that displayed within the PowerBI report – with minimal processing.

These files do not contain record level data. It has already been pre-aggregated into national, regional, local authority (LA), clinical commissioning group (CCG) or Sub-Integrated Care Board (Sub-ICB), and GP practices.

# Interpreting the tables

The data dashboard contains some explanatory notes regarding the data and findings, so users are advised to read these prior to conducting any analysis.

Two CSV files have been produced to replicate the two different geographies data are presented at: CCG and GP practice level. Each file and the headings within it are listed separately in this document.

Not *all* data within the dashboards have been replicated in the CSV’s. For example, some graphics within the dashboard have been grouped for presentation and summary purposes.

All ‘raw’ data that feeds the dashboard and that found in the tables section of the dashboard are listed in the CSVs so any summary information can be easily derived.

Further information on the GP practice and CCG codes used in these reports can be obtained from NHS Digital’s Organisation Data Service (ODS) resources, freely available here: <https://digital.nhs.uk/organisation-data-service/data-downloads/gp-data>

***Disclosure control is applied to the GP Practice and Sub-ICB data. A summary of the current methodology can be found in the data quality statement on the publication page:*** [***https://files.digital.nhs.uk/68/5992AE/cerv-scre-prog-covg-stat-data-qual.pdf***](https://files.digital.nhs.uk/68/5992AE/cerv-scre-prog-covg-stat-data-qual.pdf)

## Table 1: Explanation of missing values in the CSV files

The CSV tables have a coding structure in place to define values which are not presented. There are different reasons why data are not presented, these reasons and the codes used in their place are given in the table below.

In the CCG level data, no suppression is applied, in these files, blank values indicate data unavailable.

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| Reason for missing value | Code Used in Dashboard | Code used in CSV table |
| Data not available | Blank value | Blank Value |

In the GP practice level data, small number suppression is applied. From Quarter 2 2023-24 the suppression methodology used has changed. Further details can be found at: <https://files.digital.nhs.uk/68/5992AE/cerv-scre-prog-covg-stat-data-qual.pdf>

Missing values in these data are described by the following table:

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| Reason for missing value | Code Used in Dashboard | Code used in CSV table |
| Data unavailable to due small number suppression – pre-Quarter 2 2023-24 | Blank value | Blank Value |
| Data unavailable to due small number suppression – Quarter 2 2023-24 onwards | ‘Suppressed’ | ‘Suppressed’ |
| Data not available | Blank value | n/a |

## Table 2: LA Level Data – dashboard-phof-quarterly-la-2023-24-q4.csv

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| Column Heading | Description |
| Month | Month of the reporting year (e.g. 31/03/2024). |
| Quarter | Quarter of the reporting year (e.g. Q4 2023/24). |
| Region\_Code | Government Office Region 9 digit code (ONS code). |
| Region\_Name | Name of Government Office Region LA sits within. |
| Org\_ONS\_Code | LA 9 digit code (ODS). |
| Org\_Name | LA name. |
| Age | Age band of women screened (either 25-49 or 50-64). |
| Eligible | Number of individuals eligible for screening. |
| Screened | Number of individuals adequately screened. |
| Coverage(%) | Coverage percentage (number of individuals screened ÷ number of individuals eligible \* 100). |
| No. screens to reach 80% | The number of additional screens required to reach 80% coverage (blank value where 80% has been reached). |
| National Rank | National rank of LA (ranked on coverage). |
| National\_Coverage(%) | National coverage percentage. |
| Coverage\_Change | Coverage change in the last 12 months (empty where comparison not available). |

## Table 3: Sub-ICB Level Data - dashboard-phof-quarterly-subICB-2024-25-q1.csv

Due to a change in suppression methodology applied from the Quarter 2 2023-24 publication, rounding of eligible and screened counts is applied from Quarter 2 2023-24 data onwards. Further details can be found at: <https://files.digital.nhs.uk/68/5992AE/cerv-scre-prog-covg-stat-data-qual.pdf>

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| Column Heading | Description |
| Month | Month of the reporting year (e.g. 30/06/2024). |
| Quarter | Quarter of the reporting year (e.g. Q1 2024/25). |
| Region\_Code | Government Office Region 9 digit code (ONS code). |
| Region\_Name | Name of Government Office Region CCG/Sub-ICB sits within. |
| Parent\_Name | Parent STP or Integrated Care Board (ICB) the CCG/Sub-ICB sits within. |
| Org\_ONS\_Code | CCG/Sub-ICB 9 digit code (ODS). |
| Org\_Code | CCG/Sub-ICB code. |
| Org\_Name | CCG/Sub-ICB name. |
| Age | Age band of women screened (either 25-49 or 50-64). |
| Eligible | Number of individuals eligible for screening.  From Quarter 2 2023/24 eligible counts are rounded to the nearest 5. |
| Screened | Number of individuals adequately screened.  From Quarter 2 2023/24 screened counts are rounded to the nearest 5. |
| Coverage(%) | Coverage percentage (number of individuals screened ÷ number of individuals eligible \* 100)  From Quarter 2 2023/24 coverage values are calculated from the rounded screened and eligible counts. |
| No. screens to reach 80% | The number of additional screens required to reach 80% coverage (blank value where 80% has been reached).  From Quarter 2 2023/24 this is calculated from the rounded coverage value. |
| National Rank | National rank of CCG/Sub-ICB (ranked on coverage)  From Quarter 2 2023/24 rankings are based on the rounded coverage value. |
| Total\_Orgs | Number of CCG’s or Sub-ICBs within the reporting year and quarter. |
| National\_Coverage(%) | National coverage percentage. |
| Coverage\_Change | Coverage change in the last 12 months (empty where comparison not available). |
| Org\_Count | Number of CCG’s or Sub-ICBs within the reporting year and quarter. |
| NationalCoverage | Coverage at National Level for the respective age-group and time period. |

## Table 4: GP Practice Level Data - dashboard-phof-quarterly-gp-2024-25-q1.csv

Due to a change in suppression methodology applied from the Quarter 2 2023-24 publication onwards, rounding of eligible and screened counts is applied from Quarter 2 2023-24 data onwards. Please refer to Table 1 for information on how suppressed values are treated within the csv file before and after the suppression methodology change.

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| Column Heading | Description |
| Month | Month of the reporting year (e.g. 30/06/2024). |
| Quarter | Quarter of the reporting year (e.g. Q1 2024/25). |
| Org\_Code | CCG/Sub-ICB or GP practice code. |
| Org\_Name | CCG/Sub-ICB or GP practice name. |
| CCG\_Code | CCG/Sub-ICB code. |
| CCG\_Name | CCG/Sub-ICB name. |
| CCG\_ONS\_Code | CCG/Sub-ICB 9 digit code (ODS). |
| Org\_Type | Organisation type (CCG or GP). |
| Region\_Code | Government Office Region 9 digit code (ONS code). |
| Region\_Name | Name of Government Office Region CCG/Sub-ICB or GP practice sits within. |
| Age | Age band of women screened (either 25-49 or 50-64). |
| Eligible | Number of individuals eligible for screening.  From Quarter 2 2023/24 eligible counts are rounded to the nearest 5. |
| Screened | Number of individuals adequately screened.  From Quarter 2 2023/24 screened counts are rounded to the nearest 5. |
| Coverage(%) | Coverage percentage (number of individuals screened ÷ number of individuals eligible \* 100)  From Quarter 2 2023/24 coverage values are calculated from the rounded screened and eligible counts. |
| No. screens to reach 80% | The number of additional screens required to reach 80% coverage (blank value where 80% has been reached).  From Quarter 2 2023/24 this is calculated from the rounded coverage value. |
| GP Rank within CCG | Rank of GP practice within the CCG/Sub-ICB  From Quarter 2 2023/24 rankings are based on the rounded coverage value. |
| GP Rank within England | Rank of GP practice within England  From Quarter 2 2023/24 rankings are based on the rounded coverage value. |
| CCG\_Coverage(%) | CCG/Sub-ICB coverage percentage. |
| Total\_Practices\_CCG | Number of GP practices within the CCG/Sub-ICBs within the reporting year and quarter. |
| Total\_Practices\_England | Number of GP practices in England within the reporting year and quarter. |
| Coverage\_Change | Coverage change in the last 12 months (empty where comparison not available)  Due to the change in suppression methodology from Quarter 2 2023-24, coverage change values are not provided for data from Q2 2023/24 onwards. |

# Feedback

We are keen to receive feedback on this dashboard and the accompanying data and guidance.

Please use the feedback form here:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Hwf2UP67GkCIA2c3SOYp4kp0X0y hYIpPuBBPKPl3TXpUNkFYSlpBV0tJNDU2UVJOVEY4OURERTJWTyQlQCN0PWcu](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Hwf2UP67GkCIA2c3SOYp4kp0X0yhYIpPuBBPKPl3TXpUNkFYSlpBV0tJNDU2UVJOVEY4OURERTJWTyQlQCN0PWcu)

For any queries, we can be contacted at enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk quoting “Cervical screening quarterly dashboard” in the subject line.

A short customer satisfaction survey is available here:

<https://crm.digital.nhs.uk/clickdimensions/?clickpage=qzf6xk2yeeebixaqb6b0uq>

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1. <https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/330382/bis-14-946-open-data-strategy-2014-2016.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)