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## Cervical Screening Administration Service

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Dear Jonalyn Dolendo

We are writing to invite you for your **NHS Cervical Screening** (previously called the 'smear test'). We offer screening to all women and people with a cervix, aged 25 to 64, to help prevent cervical cancer and to save lives.

**Please contact your GP practice to make an appointment.** If your GP has your mobile phone number, you may receive a text reminder to book an appointment. In some areas, local sexual health clinics may also offer screening. More information about finding a sexual health clinic is available at:

[www.nhs.uk/service-search/sexual-health/find-a-sexual-health-clinic](http://www.nhs.uk/service-search/sexual-health/find-a-sexual-health-clinic)

The test only takes a few minutes, and you can ask for a female nurse or doctor.

Cervical screening checks for high-risk Human Papillomavirus (HPV) because HPV DNA is found in over 99% of cervical cancers. If we find HPV in your screening sample, we then check for abnormal cell changes. By finding and treating these changes early, we can prevent most cases of cervical cancer.

You should consider having cervical screening regardless of your sexual orientation, sexual history or whether you have had the HPV vaccination.

### Please read:

- The 'Helping you decide' leaflet about cervical screening even if you have had screening before. It is available at: [www.gov.uk/government/publications/cervical-screening-description-in-brief](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cervical-screening-description-in-brief) and provides more information about HPV and cervical cancer to help you decide whether to have the test.
- More information is available at: [www.nhs.uk/cervical](http://www.nhs.uk/cervical) or scan the QR code at the top right of this letter with your smartphone or device to go straight to the website.

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