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## Cervical Screening Administration Service

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Dear Jonalyn Dolendo

Thank you for coming for cervical screening.

Cervical screening tests for human papillomavirus (HPV) first. If the HPV test result is positive, your sample is then checked for abnormal cell changes.

Your result is **HPV negative**. This means your risk of cervical cancer is very low and there is no need to check for abnormal cell changes, even if you have had these in the past.

Your next screening test is due on or around 01.02.2027. We will invite you nearer the time.

Cervical screening is the best way to protect yourself against cervical cancer, however no screening is 100% effective. In very rare cases, cervical screening may fail to pick up an HPV infection that needs further investigation. This is called a 'false negative' result.

Screening also cannot prevent every cervical cancer. Cancer can develop in between screening tests.

If you have any unusual symptoms, please tell your GP as soon as possible. These might include:

- vaginal bleeding that is unusual for you - bleeding during or after sex, between your periods, after the menopause or heavier periods than usual
- pain during sexual intercourse
- changes to vaginal discharge
- pain in your lower back, between your hip bones (pelvis), or in your lower tummy.

If you have any questions about your test result, please contact your GP or the person who took your last test.

**Please turn over for more information**