



## Staffing changes

It's been another year of change here at CSL.

After a long and rewarding tenure at the company, Margaret (Maggie) Morgan has now retired from her post as Consultant Biomedical Scientist and Cervical Screening Provider Lead (CSPL), where she shared valuable knowledge and extensive experience to lead and benefit the service. We wish her all the best for her retirement.

We are very pleased to announce the appointment of Dr Martin Young as the Cervical Cytology Medical Director and Cervical Screening Provider Lead (CSPL).

Martin has worked with CSL since its inception in 2019 as one of our reporting Cytopathologists. He has senior leadership experience over many years of NHS pathology services, including medical and scientific training for Health Education England (HEE) and the Royal College of Pathologists (RCPATH).

## London Cervical Sample Taker Database (LonCSTD)

### Zero tolerance policy for samples received with an absent or invalid sample taker PIN

From 1st January 2025, CSL implemented section 6.12 of the NHS Cervical Screening Programme guidance for the acceptance of cervical screening samples in laboratories. We are delighted to report it has been a great success!

99.9% of cervical samples received at CSL have a valid London sample taker PIN on the request form, providing assurance that the majority of samples have been taken by a trained professional.

Thanks to everyone for helping to achieve this!

For further information on how to register for a LonCSTD, please contact our administration team via [hsl.csl.cstd@nhs.net](mailto:hsl.csl.cstd@nhs.net)

### Annual CSTD audit of sample takers

CSL will be sending out the familiar questionnaire to each practice /clinic in November for completion by 30th November.

The questionnaire will be sent via email to the practice manager and will be used to update the LonCSTD.

This is vital to provide assurance to participants in the London region in the Cervical Screening Programme, that samples will be taken to a high standard by trained and competent sample takers.

Cervical Screening London

**Review of London Cervical Sample Takers**

Please can you record in the table below the details of all active sample takers at your practice or clinic and return the completed sheet as soon as possible to Cervical Screening London (CSL).

Name of Practice/Clinic: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Practice/Clinic: \_\_\_\_\_

National Practice Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Practice Manager/Clinic Lead: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

First name of sample taker	Last name of sample taker	Job role	London Sample Taker Database PIN used by sample taker	Date of last update course completed	Contact e-mail address

Please complete and return by e-mail to London CSTD Administrator using [hsl.csl.cstd@nhs.net](mailto:hsl.csl.cstd@nhs.net) or send by post to: CSTD Administrator, Cervical Screening London, Level 8, The Halo Building, 1 Mableton Place, London, WCH1 9AX.

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## NHSCSP programme updates

### Extended screening interval clinical pathway protocol

The UK National Screening Committee (UK NSC) has recommended that participants aged 24.5 to 49 who test negative on a routine primary hrHPV test move to a five-year screening interval. People aged 50 to 64 are already offered screening at this interval, but for younger people, the interval has been three years, requiring the screening pathway to be updated.

The interval change was implemented from 1st July 2025. From this date, any person aged 24.5 to 49 having routine screening and whose primary hrHPV result is reported as hrHPV not detected, will have their next test due date set at five years. Non-responders will be eligible for five-year screening intervals depending on their screening history.

As a result of this change, several NHSCSP documents have been updated. Check that you have the latest information via NHS cervical screening (CSP) programme – GOV.UK ([https://www.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/population-screening-programmes-cervical#guidance\\_and\\_regulation](https://www.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/population-screening-programmes-cervical#guidance_and_regulation))

### NHSE London Cervical SelfScreen HPV testing programme

CSL is working collaboratively with NHSE London to offer self-collected cervical samples for HPV testing to under- or never-screened individuals registered at 100 GP practices in London.

The NHSE London SelfScreen HPV testing programme is available following approval by the national NHS Screening Programme and Research, Innovation and Development Advisory Committee (RIDAC). Implementation follows positive results from the YouScreen research study that found increased uptake of cervical screening among women in London when offered cervical self-collection.

To participate in this offer, individuals must:

- Be registered with a London GP participating in the HPVSS programme and at least six months overdue screening.
- Be aged 24.5 years to 64 years or aged 65+ and not screened since age 60.
- Not yet met the criteria to be ceased from the programme.

For further information, please visit NHS England — London — Cervical screening resources (<https://www.england.nhs.uk/london/london-clinical-networks/our-networks/cancer-earlier-diagnosis/screening/cervical-screening-resources/#overview>)

## Cervical screening non-responder reports

GP practices can now use the Cervical Screening Management System (CSMS) to identify 'non-responders' eligible for cervical screening and contact them about attending for screening.

The 'non-responders' report shows those who:

- Have not responded to their most recent cervical screening invitation and are now more than six months overdue.
- Have been ceased due to age but were non responders at the time of ceasing and are still under 65 years old, so remain eligible for their last screening test.

Details on the report and how it is run can be found in the CSMS user guide (<https://digital.nhs.uk/services/screening-services/national-cervical-screening/new-cervical-screening-management-system/user-guide/screening-history-batch-download#non-responders-report>).

For support with CSMS, please go to CSMS help (<https://csas.nhs.uk/csms-help/>).

## Digital results

From September 2025, the NHS will send digital results from the NHS Cervical Screening Programme, utilising the NHS App.

Those who have a negative test result will be notified by an NHS App message. It will also appear as an NHS App notification. If the NHS App message isn't read within 72 hours, a letter will be sent as a failsafe.

Abnormal result letters will continue to be sent by post for the time being.

This change follows the successful rollout of digital invitations and reminders in June 2025. Since the launch, nine out of every 10 invitations are being sent digitally, with the remainder being sent by post.

## Website and improved communication

<https://hslpathology.com/csl>

CSL hope you find the information on our website useful and in date. As always, we are committed to continuous improvement, including our communications and website. If you have any suggestions that would help us improve our communications or notice any inaccuracies, please do not hesitate to contact us via [hsl.csl.queries@nhs.net](mailto:hsl.csl.queries@nhs.net)

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