

## **Cervical Screening Training for GPs**

The following document aims to outline the training requirements and recommendations for GPs who wish to undertake Cervical Screening. The full training guidelines can be found here: [Education pathway - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk). All UK registered health professionals involved in cervical screening must keep up to date with developments in the programme and meet their professional obligations for continuing professional development.

### **Requirements**

- All sample takers must be registered on the [MFT Cervical sample takers database \(CSTD\)](#) with a current GMC PIN
- All sample takers must be aware of all current cervical screening guidelines, including the [sample acceptance policy](#), and guidelines for women outside of the screening programme (for example those who present with [abnormal vaginal bleeding](#))  
[Cervical screening: programme and colposcopy management - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)  
[Population screening programmes: NHS cervical screening \(CSP\) programme - detailed information - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- All sample takers must [use electronic requesting](#) to request cervical screening samples and only use paper requests in the event of an IT failure.  
Email: [labs.sd@mft.nhs.uk](mailto:labs.sd@mft.nhs.uk) Telephone: 0161 276 4079
- All sample takers require access to [Open Exeter](#) to obtain accurate screening histories

**Recommendations:** It is strongly recommended that GP sample takers complete a recognised novice sample taker training course to enhance their specialist training

- Cervical Screening Initial Training by an externally accredited provider  
2 day course (NEPSEC) [isabelle.caillet@mft.nhs.uk](mailto:isabelle.caillet@mft.nhs.uk)  
1 day course (Liverpool) [carmel.farrell@lwh.nhs.uk](mailto:carmel.farrell@lwh.nhs.uk)
- If sample takers take an extended leave of absence it is recommended that sample takers complete eLearning and [undertake supervised practice](#)

**If the above training is not undertaken:** it is recommended that sample takers complete the following eLearning modules, and consider supervised practice with an experienced sample taker

- [eLearning for healthcare](#) free modules on [cervical screening programme](#) and [HPV primary screening](#)
- Thinline training ([Via MFT CSTD](#))

Evidence of completed training should be added to the CSTD

Update training should be undertaken every 3 years and is available via eLFH or RCG