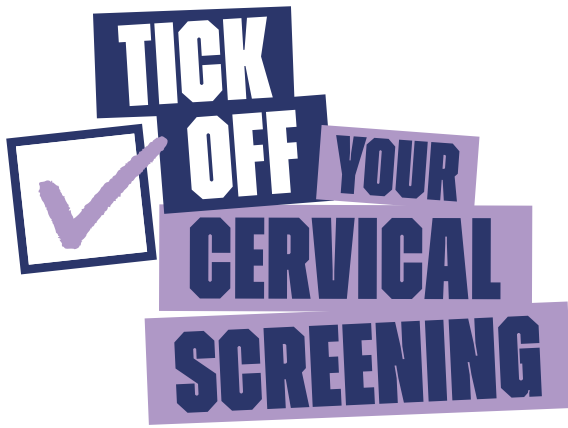


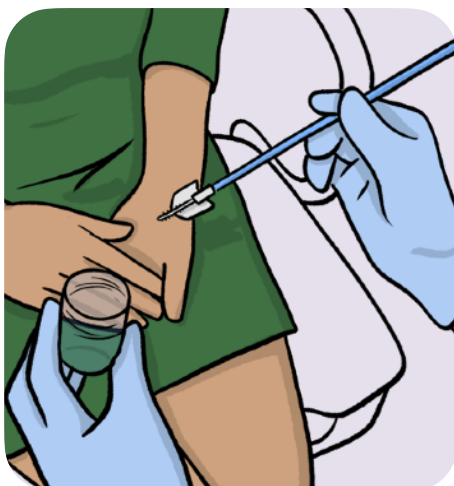


Cervical screening



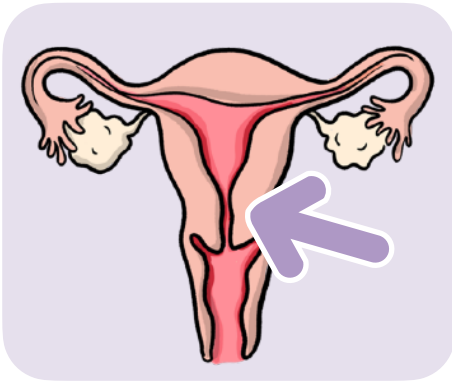
This Easy Read leaflet uses easier words and pictures.

Some people may still want help to read it.



This leaflet is about getting a **cervical screening**.

A **cervical screening** is a test to check the health of your cervix and look for signs of cervical cancer.



Your **cervix** is the lower and narrower end of your uterus. It connects your uterus to your vagina.

Why do I need a cervical screening?



Screenings do not stop you from having health issues with your cervix.



But it is the best way to find any issues before they get worse.



It is your choice if you want to have a cervical screening or not.

How do I get a cervical screening?

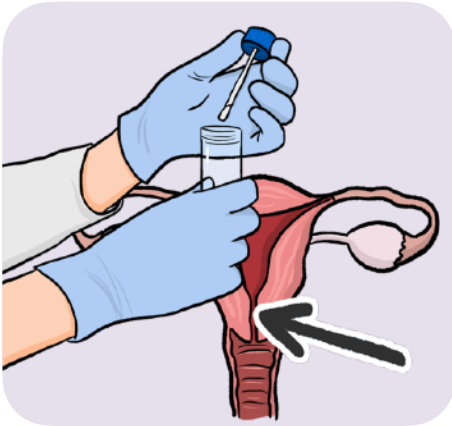


If you are aged 25 to 64, we will invite you to a cervical screening appointment every 5 years.



If you think you should have been invited to a cervical screening appointment, but you have not, please contact your GP surgery.

What happens at a cervical screening?



At a cervical screening appointment, a nurse or doctor will look inside your vagina.

They will take a small sample from your cervix.



The sample will be tested for the Human Papillomavirus (HPV).



If you want to know more about how a cervical screening is done, you can scan this QR code.

When to contact your GP surgery

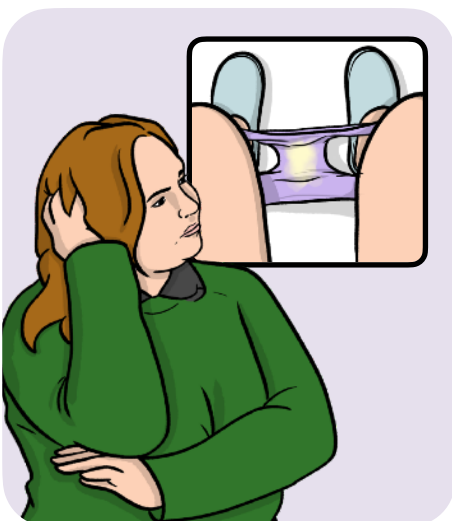
You should contact your GP surgery if:



- You feel pain when you are having sex.

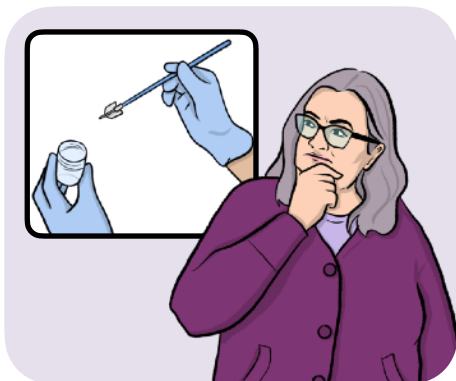


- You are bleeding from your vagina when you are not on your period.



- You have a lot of unusual **discharge** coming out of your vagina.

Discharge is a normal liquid that comes out of your vagina. It should be clear or white and should not smell.



You should contact your GP surgery even if you have had a cervical screening recently.



You should not wait until we have invited you to your next cervical screening.

More information



For more information, you can go to: www.nhs.uk/cervical-screening

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