

# National Cervical Screening Programme Information update

Tēnā koutou katoa,

As part of the continued improvement of HPV Primary Screening, the National Cervical Screening Programme (NCSP) will restart sending some notifications to participants from the new NCSP-Register (NCSP-R) from this week. As a result, those services working with priority groups (such as those who are un and under-screened) may notice an increase in queries and/or an increase in screening.

The NCSP-R is now a population-based register which enables notifications to people who are eligible for cervical screening but are not yet enrolled in the National Cervical Screening Programme. Notifications are integral to welcoming participants to the Programme, providing clarity on the options available to them and how to opt out if chosen.

Key points to note for the go-live of letters are set out below.

## What's similar

**Please continue with recall and reminder communications to all patients** as per your current processes.

The Register will **restart sending reminder letters** to any participant:

- who is overdue for regular screening
- who is 3 months or more overdue for follow up testing after a previous abnormal result
- who is 3 months or more overdue for an Annual Co-Test
- 3 months after an initial test that is “Invalid” or “Unsatisfactory”, to return for a repeat test.

## What's different

The Register will also start sending **recall letters** (at the time tests are due) to:

- anyone due for follow-up testing after a previous abnormal test or colposcopy
- Māori and Pacific People who are 30 years and over and are un-screened or under-screened and not enrolled with Primary Care.

**Reminder letters** (when tests are overdue) will now also be sent to:

- anyone overdue for regular screening and who are not enrolled with Primary Care.

The new register is **not** communicating **any** test results to participants.

## What's ahead

In the next fortnight the register will begin to send first invitations and enrolment letters to people turning 25 years of age and to people with new NHI numbers (for *both* enrolled and not enrolled in Primary Care). We will provide further information as more groups are added.

In future, new functionality will enable notifications to be sent via email and SMS.

**Please email [screening@health.govt.nz](mailto:screening@health.govt.nz) if you need any support or have questions about NCSP-R notifications.**

For any other general queries please contact [HPVScreen@health.govt.nz](mailto:HPVScreen@health.govt.nz)

Ngā mihi nui,

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