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**HPVPS invitation/reminder**

Dear <<PATIENT NAME>>

I am writing to invite you for NHS cervical screening. Screening usually begins by testing a sample from the cervix (the neck of the womb) for the human papillomavirus (HPV), which can cause changes in these cells. By finding and treating cell changes early, we can stop up to 3 out of 4 (75%) of cervical cancers from developing.

Women are invited for cervical screening every three years between the ages of 25 and 49, and every five years between the ages of 50 and 64. Some women are invited more often due to results from a previous cervical screening test.

It is your choice whether or not to have cervical screening. To help you make a decision, we have enclosed a leaflet about what cervical screening involves, and the benefits and risks. For most women, the HPV test will be the first test carried out on their screening sample. There will be an extra leaflet with this letter if this is the case for you. It is important to read the leaflets even if you have had cervical screening before.

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Your screening result will be sent to your home and should arrive within two weeks of your test. We will also send a copy of your result to the person who takes your test. Please make sure they have the correct address for you.

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Screening cannot prevent every cervical cancer. Cancer can develop in between screening tests. If you have any symptoms such as bleeding between periods, after sex or after the menopause, unusual vaginal discharge, or pain/discomfort during sex, please tell your GP as soon as possible.

**Suggested usage:**

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**For registered patients in a valid district:**

To make your appointment please call either your GP or a local clinic who will offer you a date and time.

**For unregistered patients in a dummy district:**

To make your appointment please call a local clinic which will offer you a date and time.

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**For registered patients in a valid district:**

Your GP also gets a copy of your result. If you change your address you will need to make sure that you tell your GP as soon as possible.

**For unregistered patients in a dummy district:**

If you are registered with a GP they will get a copy of your result. If you don't have a GP you can register with a GP practice of your choice. Then you will be able to access all the medical services (like cervical screening) that are offered to registered patients.