

MEMORANDUM

To: All Screening Links, Sample Takers, Colposcopists and Practice & Service Managers

From: Louise Dunk, Head of Programme Cervical Screening Wales

Date: 17th December 2021

Re: **Extension of the routine cervical screening interval for participants aged 25 – 49 from 1st January 2022**

KEY MESSAGE:

From 1st January 2022, all those aged 25-49 with a cervix whose next routine cervical screening (smear) test result shows that they do not have HPV, will be invited for their next cervical screening test in **5** years' time.

Please ensure all members of staff in your practice or clinic, including administration staff, are made aware of this change as soon as possible, so those attending for cervical screening are given the correct information.

Rationale for change:

The UK National Screening Committee has recommended that cervical screening programmes invite all people with a cervix, aged between 25 and 64 every 5 years.

Human papillomavirus (HPV) is a virus that causes nearly all cases of cervical cancer. In 2018, Cervical Screening Wales introduced screening using HPV testing. This test is more effective at identifying people at higher risk of developing cell changes which can cause cervical cancer. Evidence shows that it is therefore safe to extend the time between cervical screening (smear) tests for people who do not have HPV.

Cervical Screening Wales will be making this change as of **1st January 2022**. This change will apply to people whose next routine screening result shows that they do not have HPV. This means their risk of developing cervical cancer within the next 5 years is very low. For more information or to get in touch, please visit our website <https://phw.nhs.wales/services-and-teams/cervical-screening-wales/>

Message for cervical screening participants:

All **result letters** sent to participants aged 25-49 generated on or after 1st January 2022 where their **routine cervical screening sample has tested negative for HPV** will state that their next invitation letter will be sent in **5 years' time**. This is regardless of when they were last invited or attended for screening.

All invitations for those due for screening in January 2022, which will be sent out during the last week of December 2021 will advise of the change to the routine cervical screening interval.

It is possible however that some attending for screening from late December onwards will not have received the updated information, but will still be advised their next test is due in 5 years' time if their result letter is generated on or after 1st January 2022.

Please can you therefore advise all those aged 25-49 attending for cervical screening from 20th December 2021 that their result letter may indicate recall in 5 years' time if HPV is not found in their sample.



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I: Bob Cyswllt Sgrinio, y Rhai sy'n Cymryd Samplau,
Colposgopyddion a Rheolwyr Practis a Gwasanaeth

Oddi wrth: Louise Dunk, Pennaeth Rhaglen Sgrinio Serfigol Cymru

Dyddiad: 17 Rhagfyr 2021

Parthed: Ymestyn y cyfnod rhwng sgrinio serfigol rheolaidd ar gyfer
cyfranogwyr 25 - 49 oed o 1 Ionawr 2022

NEGES ALLWEDDOL:

O 1 Ionawr 2022, bydd pawb rhwng 25-49 oed sydd â cheg y groth y mae canlyniad eu prawf sgrinio serfigol (ceg y groth) rheolaidd nesaf yn dangos nad oes ganddynt HPV yn cael eu gwahodd am eu prawf sgrinio serfigol nesaf ymhen **5** mlynedd.

Sicrhewch fod pob aelod o staff yn eich practis neu'ch clinig, gan gynnwys staff gweinyddol, yn cael gwybod am y newid hwn cyn gynted â phosibl, fel bod y rhai sy'n dod i gael prawf sgrinio serfigol yn cael yr wybodaeth gywir.

Rhesymeg dros y newid:

Mae Pwyllgor Sgrinio Cenedlaethol y DU wedi argymhell bod rhaglenni sgrinio serfigol yn gwahodd pawb sydd â cheg y groth, rhwng 25 a 64 oed bob 5 mlynedd.

Mae feirws papiloma dynol (HPV) yn feirws sy'n achosi bron pob achos o ganser ceg y groth. Yn 2018, cyflwynodd Sgrinio Serfigol Cymru brofion sgrinio am HPV. Mae'r prawf hwn yn fwy effeithiol wrth nodi pobl sydd â risg uwch o ddatblygu newidiadau i gelloedd a all achosi cancer ceg y groth. Mae tystiolaeth yn dangos ei bod felly'n ddiogel ymestyn yr amser rhwng profion sgrinio serfigol (ceg y groth) ar gyfer pobl nad oes ganddynt HPV.

Bydd Sgrinio Serfigol Cymru yn cyflwyno'r newid hwn ar **1 Ionawr 2022**. Bydd y newid hwn yn berthnasol i bobl y mae eu canlyniad sgrinio rheolaidd nesaf yn dangos nad oes ganddynt HPV. Mae hyn yn golygu bod eu risg o ddatblygu canser ceg y groth o fewn y 5 mlynedd nesaf yn isel iawn. I gael rhagor o wybodaeth neu i gysylltu â ni, ewch i'n gwefan

<https://icc.gig.cymru/gwasanaethau-a-thimau/sgrinio/sgrinio-serfigol-cymru1/>

Neges ar gyfer y rhai sy'n cael prawf sgrinio serfigol:

Bydd yr holl **llythrau canlyniad** a anfonir at gyfranogwyr 25-49 oed a gynhyrchir ar 1 Ionawr 2022 neu ar ôl hynny pan fo eu **sampl sgrinio serfigol rheolaidd ar gyfer HPV yn negatif** yn nodi y bydd eu llythyr gwahoddiad nesaf yn cael ei anfon ymhen **5 mlynedd**. Mae hyn yn wir ni waeth pryd y cawsant eu gwahodd neu y cawsant eu sgrinio ddiwethaf.

Bydd yr holl wahoddiadau ar gyfer y rhai sydd i fod i gael eu sgrinio ym mis Ionawr 2022, a anfonir yn ystod wythnos olaf Rhagfyr 2021 yn rhoi gwybod am y newid i'r cyfnod rhwng sgrinio serfigol rheolaidd.

Fodd bynnag, mae'n bosibl na fydd rhai sy'n mynd i gael eu sgrinio o ddiwedd mis Rhagfyr ymlaen wedi derbyn yr wybodaeth ddiweddaraf, ond byddant yn dal i gael gwybod y bydd disgwyl i'w prawf nesaf fod ymhen 5 mlynedd os cynhyrchir eu llythyr canlyniad ar 1 Ionawr 2022 neu ar ôl hynny.

Felly, a allwch chi roi gwybod i bawb rhwng 25-49 oed sy'n dod i gael prawf sgrinio serfigol o 20 Rhagfyr 2021 y gallai eu llythyr canlyniad nodi eu bod yn cael eu galw'n ôl ymhen 5 mlynedd os na cheir HPV yn eu sampl.