## Cervical Screening

Cervical screening, or the "smear test", is a routine health check that identifies potentially harmful cells and changes on the cervix. Cervical screening is not a test for cancer but an early detection test which can catch any changes and can reduce

your risk of developing cervical cancer.



Cervical cancer kills two women every day (Cancer Research UK).

Regular screenings can help reduce that number, which is why it's so important you attend your screening when invited.

Cervical screening is offered to all women and people with a cervix from the age of 25 until 49 and repeated every 3 years. From 50 to 64 years, they are repeated every five years.

Your healthcare professionals are trained to do all they can to put you at ease during your appointment and are on hand to answer any questions or concerns you may have. However, whether you attend your screening or not, is ultimately your choice.

If you're due to have a cervical screening, you'll receive an invite letter in the post, it's important you don't ignore it.

If you missed your previous appointment or are unsure if you are due a screening, please contact **28000** and we will book you an appointment if you're due.



