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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which was received into this office on 28th September 2016.

You asked for information regarding cervical screening:

1.
 - a. What activities has your CCG undertaken to increase cervical screening attendance over the last 2 years (August 2014 - August 2016)?

(We are looking for an outline of any activities that the CCG has been involved in or led, for example, working with GPs to increase uptake rates in their surgeries, general awareness raising activities to highlight the importance of cervical screening or targeted outreach activities to increase uptake amongst groups who are highly represented amongst non-attenders (e.g. BAME groups, disadvantaged communities, women aged 25-29 or women over 50). We do not need any documentation, but would be grateful for as high level of detail as you are able to give.)

Currently if there is evidence of non-attendance, women receive up to 2 letters on the call and recall system, followed by practice letters to encourage attendance

Tips for improvement from a local practice are:

1. **Search on Open Exeter for who is due**
2. **Send an SMS text message – your cervical smear is now due; please make an appointment with**
3. **Code as declined any patient who has opted out and who has completed and signed the appropriate form**

The CCG works with colleagues to support education events to improve attendance

b. What were the outcomes of those activities?

Screening data is monitored by Public Health England and I have included their contact information for you to contact them directly.

Email: pccinfo@wirral.gov.uk

2.

a. Are women able to attend cervical screening tests outside of usual working hours (i.e. before 9am or after 5pm) at every GP surgery in your area?

Please note that Public Health commissions a sexual health service where cervical screening tests are available and would suggest that you contact Public Health directly and I include their contact information below:

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b. If not, please could you tell us:

- i. The number of GP services where women are able to attend cervical screening tests outside of usual working hours (i.e. before 9am and after 5pm)
- ii. The total number of GP services in your area.

Please see response to question 2a

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