

Southport & Formby PCN 'Bringing Women's Health Closer to Home' *Reducing Inequalities Across Southport & Formby*

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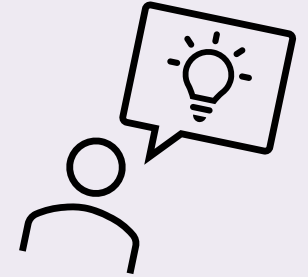


Plan

Right care, right
place, right time



- Aim to tackle inequalities in access to cervical screening and specialist women's health
- Target the underserved including;
 - Language barriers
 - Learning disabilities
 - Anxiety
 - Neurodiversity
 - LGBTQIA+
 - Work and carer commitments
- Use data as driver
- Equitable and inclusive access – including housebound
- Feedback essential to shape further change



- Accessible
- Inclusive
- Positive experience

Data

- Cheshire and Merseyside PRACTICE data dashboard used to identify outlier PCN practices for cervical screening uptake
- Identify age cohorts and uptake in patients with a Learning Disability
- Practice level data to identify language barriers and care home residents
- 12 month waits in secondary care for routine gynae issues.



Team approach

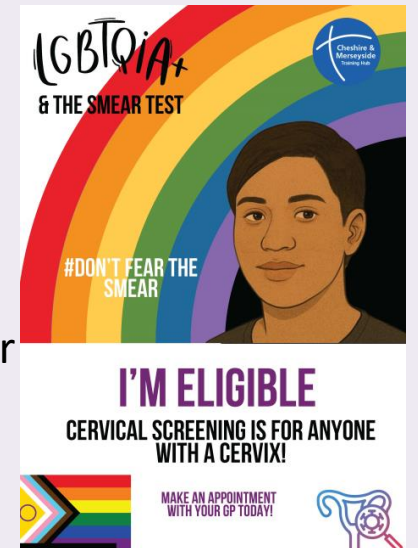
Involved;

- PCN learning disability nursing team
- 7- Day GP Service
- Clinical leads
- GP practices
- Communications team
- PCN social prescribing link workers at Brighter Living Partnership



Action

- Student nurses and nursing associates from Sefton training hub co-produced;
 - LGBTQIA+ cervical screening materials with service users
 - Simple videos (what to expect) during screening for people with Learning Disabilities
- PCN-wide LARC service with specialist women's health hub led by three GPs with a passion and expertise in women's health, including complex menopause.
- Menopause Group Coaching sessions (Brighter Living)
- Focused cervical screening sessions for outlier practices with push comms and translated materials into most common spoken language (8 languages)
- Cervical screening access;
 - Direct booking to extended access cervical screening clinics (evening and weekends)
 - 'drop in' cervical screening pilot – 3 sessions, now going to become a regular quarterly option.
 - Cervical screening in care homes by PCN nurses
 - Learning disability nurses undertaking cervical screening and education



Communications

Cervical screening information poster translated into 8 languages

Social media campaign, posts reached approx. 10,000 local residents



Been putting off your smear test?

Come along to our Drop-in session this Saturday

SATURDAY 20TH JUNE 2026
FROM 9AM - 2PM

AT THE 7-DAY GP, 107 LIVERPOOL ROAD, BIRKDALE

No need to book - just turn up
For anyone registered with a GP in Southport or Formby.

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Southport & Formby Health
7-Day GP Service

Southport & Formby Primary Care Network

ST MARKS MEDICAL CENTRE PATIENTS

Is your cervical screening due or late?

For extra clinics in February call 01704 395 755

Or call the usual practice number 01704 511700

Please tell us if you have had your cervical screening outside the UK.

Scan here to view online

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ST MARKS MEDICAL CENTRE

limba română

Este testul de screening cervical (testul Babeș-Papanicolau) scadent sau întârziat?

Pentru programări suplimentare în luna februarie, sunați la 01704 395 755

În caz contrar, contactați numărul obișnuit al cabinetului dumneavoastră medical. 01704 511700

Vă rugăm să ne informați dacă ați efectuat testul de screening cervical în afara Regatului Unit al Marii Britanii.

Scanați aici pentru a vizualiza informațiile online.

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7-Day GP Service

Is your cervical screening (smear test) due?

COME ALONG TO OUR DROP IN SESSIONS

SATURDAY 9TH MAY 2026
SATURDAY 20TH JUNE 2026
TIME: 9AM - 2PM

AT THE 7-DAY GP SERVICE, 107 LIVERPOOL ROAD, BIRKDALE
NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED

For anyone registered with a GP in Southport or Formby.

If you can't come to our drop in sessions call the 7-Day GP Service on 01704 395 755 or your usual GP Practice.

Please note that this is a pilot and if a high number of people attend, there may be a wait. Alternatively, you may be offered a timed appointment on another day.

Scan the QR code to find out more about cervical screening on the Eve Appeal website.

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LGBTQIA+ & THE SMEAR TEST

#DON'T FEAR THE SMEAR

I'M ELIGIBLE
CERVICAL SCREENING IS FOR ANYONE WITH A CERVIX!

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH YOUR GP TODAY!

Cheshire & Merseyside Training Hub

Impact & Results

- Measurable improvements in access, inclusion and patient experience
- 44 attendees across 3 drop-in cervical screening sessions
 - Key benefits identified;
 - Benefits for working patients and those with anxiety/neurodiversity
- LARC service – improved access to specialist menopause-related care (12-10 month secondary care wait reduced to 2 months in primary care)
- 71 referrals to women's health hub
 - Patients felt listened to and supported
 - Consistent Net Promotor Score of 90+

Feedback from cervical screening drop in

- The majority of respondents (83%) had previously had a smear test; 17% were attending for their first test.
- 58% reported that their smear test was overdue, suggesting the drop-in model may help improve access for people who have not attended on time.
- The drop-in model was highly valued for convenience and accessibility: 100% selected convenience/ease, 92% selected friendly staff, and 83% valued not having to book and the short waiting time.
- 58% said the drop-in clinic helped them feel more comfortable or reduced anxiety; none reported that it made them less comfortable.
- Overall satisfaction was very high: 100% of the 10 respondents answering this question were 'Very satisfied'.

Feedback from LARC and Women's Health Hub

- The specialised nature of it was amazing as was the Dr's knowledge and understanding. I felt quite emotional walking out, feeling like I had been listened to, understood, and supported properly. I think this is a fantastic new service and my deepest thanks to the Dr I saw.
- Very important to be able to talk to a specialist in women's health. Particularly the menopause. Many GPs would not have this in-depth knowledge. Also, Saturday appt perfect as I work in the week.
- Dr Speed and the nurse who was assisting her were just amazing, chatting and putting me at my ease. They could see I wasn't keen for the process, but I needed it and they gently talked me through and took me through the whole process with such respect and dignity. I'm a pharmacist and one day hoped I could show Dr Speed the same kind of patient/ client or colleague care if she ever needed to use my services.

Future plans

- To embed a regular drop-in cervical screening service in our community.
- Continuing to work with LD nurses to provide screening for house bound patients.
- Reviewing current LARC templates to ensure maximum utilisation and reduce wait times.
- Collating evidence and data from the Women's Health Hub to see how many referrals to secondary care have been saved.
- Continuing to assess patient feedback for needs in our community.

