

## Response to Request for Information

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### ***Cervical Screening***

**Request:**

I am writing with a Freedom of Information request:

1.
  - a.    What activities have your public health team undertaken to increase cervical screening attendance over the last 2 years (August 2014 - August 2016)?  
[Public Health promoted cervical screening up-take in 2014-16 in CASH.](#)  
  
(We are looking for an outline of any activities that your local authority and /or Health and Wellbeing Board has been involved in or led, for example, general awareness raising activities to highlight the importance of 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).  
[As part of a Public Health transformational project with a local Refugee and Migrant Centre \(RMC\) one of the areas targeted for awareness raising was Cervical screening. Information was provided in community languages and women were invited to 2 workshops led by an NHS provider. In addition through a small grant provided by the fund one GP practice with a high migrant population has developed a leaflet in Kurdish. PH is currently undertaking an audit in this practice as they have been identified as having the lowest cervical screening uptake in the City.](#)
  - b.    What were the outcomes of those activities?  
[There are no outcomes from the raising awareness sessions that can be identified at this stage. With regard to the audit it is not yet complete but initial findings show that there is a correlation between poor uptake and ethnicity, mental health and learning disabilities. Once we have completed this we shall be working with the practice to look at next steps. The findings will also be shared with the Black Country Cervical Screening Programme Board.](#)
2.
  - a.    Are women in your area currently able to undertake a cervical screening test in local CASH / GUM services?

Cervical Screening is not commissioned by Public Health, however we have encouraged the provider to liaise with NHS England to support and fund this activity.

- b. If so, please state which CASH / GUM services offer cervical screening tests.
  - c. Please state the number of CASH / GUM services in your area that do not offer cervical screening tests?  
This service is not commissioned by the LA, however we have encouraged the provider to liaise with NHS England to support and fund this activity.
  - d. For those CASH / GUM clinics that do not offer cervical screening tests, please could you detail the barriers that prevent this (e.g. funding streams / non-compliant computer systems / resources / training)?  
The funding stream and responsibility for this activity is NHS England.
3. Please could you state if local CASH / GUM services offered cervical screening tests to women in the following years (and please state which services offered screening for each year):
- a. 2013 - The CASH specification supports 'cervical screening up-take'. GUM services did not offer this service.
  - b. 2014 - The CASH specification supports 'cervical screening up-take'. GUM services did not offer this service.
  - c. 2015 - The CASH specification supports 'cervical screening up-take'. GUM services did not offer this service.