

CervicalCheck – Quick Reference Guide

Provision of cervical screening to the LGBT+ community

Who needs cervical screening?

- Everyone with a cervix aged 25 to 65 years, who has ever had skin to skin sexual contact with anyone.

Who from the LGBT+ community needs cervical screening?

- Anyone with a cervix
- Lesbian women
- Gay women
- Bisexual women
- Trans men with a cervix
- Intersex people with a cervix
- Non binary people assigned female at birth

How often should people have cervical screening?

- 25 to 29 years every 3 years
- 30 to 65 years every 5 years

Good Communication

- Do not make assumptions about a person's gender or sexuality.
- Do not refer to partners as male or female, unless the person offers this information themselves.
- Discuss how a person is exposed to HPV, which is through skin to skin sexual contact with another person regardless of gender or orientation. This includes oral, anal, digital and vaginal sex.

Pronouns

- She/her
- He/him
- They/them
- Use "They": Use singular "they/them/theirs" until you have the opportunity to ask about their pronouns
- Ask! It's perfectly acceptable to ask someone what pronouns they use
- Use their name: Use their name until you learn their pronouns

Creating a Positive Experience

- Allow LGBT+ patients to self-identify on new patient forms
- Ensure positive attitudes to LGBT+ clients from all staff in the primary care practice
- Reassure that anything discussed is confidential
- Ensure that something in the waiting room makes LGBT+ patients feel welcome: e.g. inclusive poster, rainbow symbol, signpost to helplines
- Provide LGBT+ awareness training for all staff

Support Agencies

- LINC Advocating for Lesbian and Bisexual Women in Ireland 021 480 8600 www.linc.ie
- Cork Gay Project 021 430 0430 www.gayproject.ie
- TENI Transgender Equality Network Ireland 01 873 3575 www.teni.ie
- LGBT Helpline 1800 929 539 www.lgbt.ie
- BeLonG To Youth Service 01 670 6223 www.belongto.org
- Sexual Health Centre Cork 021 427 6676 www.sexualhealthcentre.com

Other Guidance

- CervicalCheck sampletaker [resources](#)
- HSEland – LGBT+ awareness module www.hseland.ie
- Irish College of General Practitioners www.icgp.ie

CervicalCheck

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