

4th December 2018

Dear Colleague,

Further to our enclosed correspondence issued on 9th May 2018, we are writing to formally communicate to you the cessation of out-of-cycle consultations and out-of-cycle smear tests, which will take effect on 31st December 2018.

As you will be aware, on 30th April 2018, the Minister for Health announced that any woman of screening age with concerns about her cervical screening could avail of a free consultation, and if necessary, a free smear test with a GP registered with CervicalCheck. Following confirmation by the Minister, these services will cease on 31st December 2018. Any out-of-cycle consultations and smear tests scheduled up to or on 31st December will be eligible for payment.

The National Screening Service would like to thank all our GP and healthcare professional colleagues for support in providing these services and for your continued work to offer support and reassurance to any concerned patients. We also hope to have your support in the future as we undertake the work of rebuilding confidence in our important national cervical screening programme.

Any queries in relation to payments for out-of-cycle consultations should be directed to PCRS at 01 8647100. For any queries in relation to payments for out-of-cycle smear tests, please contact 061 406500.

The best source for up-to-date clinical information on cervical screening is the CervicalCheck website: <https://www.hse.ie/eng/cervicalcheck/>.

With thanks and best regards



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