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**Latest cervical screening figures released**

The latest annual report on cervical screening coverage\(^1\) has been published by NHS Digital today.

*Cervical Screening Programme, England - 2018-19* presents information on women aged 25-64 who were invited for regular screening, as well as the screening samples sent to pathology laboratories and referrals to colposcopy clinics.

It also shows the change in the programme’s coverage in England compared to previous years, the numbers invited for screening and the results of the samples taken and the time taken to return results.

Elements of the data within the report have been broken down by age group and local authority, to allow for further analysis.

The publication includes an interactive data dashboard that allows users to break down the coverage data by geography and to also see a time series. The visualisation also includes information on turnaround times.

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**Read the full report**

*Cervical Screening Programme, England – 2018-19*

**Notes to editors**

1. National policy is that women are offered screening every three or five years depending on their age. Women between the ages of 25 and 64 are invited for regular cervical screening under the NHS Cervical Screening Programme. Coverage is defined as the percentage of women eligible for screening at a given point in time who were screened
adequately within a specified period (within 3.5 years for women aged 25 to 49, and within 5.5 years for women aged 50 to 64).

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