

**Te Whatu Ora**  
Health New Zealand



# Update on HPV Primary Screening

**PHO Update presentation**

13 December 2023

# Our agenda for today



Karakia, introduce HPV Primary Screening team



Project updates including what we have learned, workforce expansion, support, PHO report, PMS and outcomes codes, resources/ translations



Questions



Wrap up

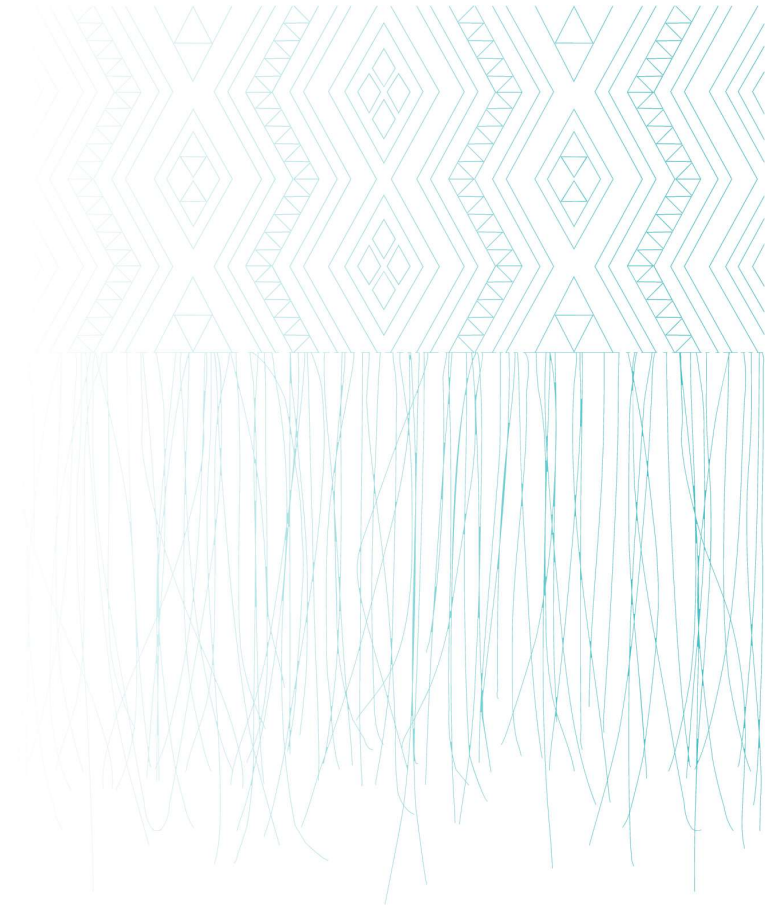


Actions, closing Karakia



# 3 months since go-live

- What happened since our last hui
  - Workforce expansion for clinical staff
  - PHO report now available earlier in month
  - Our data monitoring is beginning to come on line



# Workforce Expansion Training Requirements



Completion of all 4  
Cervical Screening  
with Human  
Papillomavirus  
testing training  
modules



Watch the Roles and  
Responsibilities for  
**HPV Screen takers**  
and Responsible  
Clinicians Webinar  
(optional)



Professional  
Partnership  
assessment and  
agreement with  
partnered  
responsible clinician



Understands Clinical  
Practice Guidelines  
and NCSP Section 3  
Policies and  
Standards

# Notifications update

- Eligibility notifications will be sent to anyone eligible for cervical screening who
  - Reaches 25 years of age (due for their first screen)
  - Is new to the NHI system
- Letter to participants who are Māori or Pacific, over 30 years and, **not enrolled** in primary care and have never been screened or haven't been screened in the last 5 years.
- Have started to send reminder letters to all participants who are overdue for screening.

## PMS system and cervical screening outcome codes

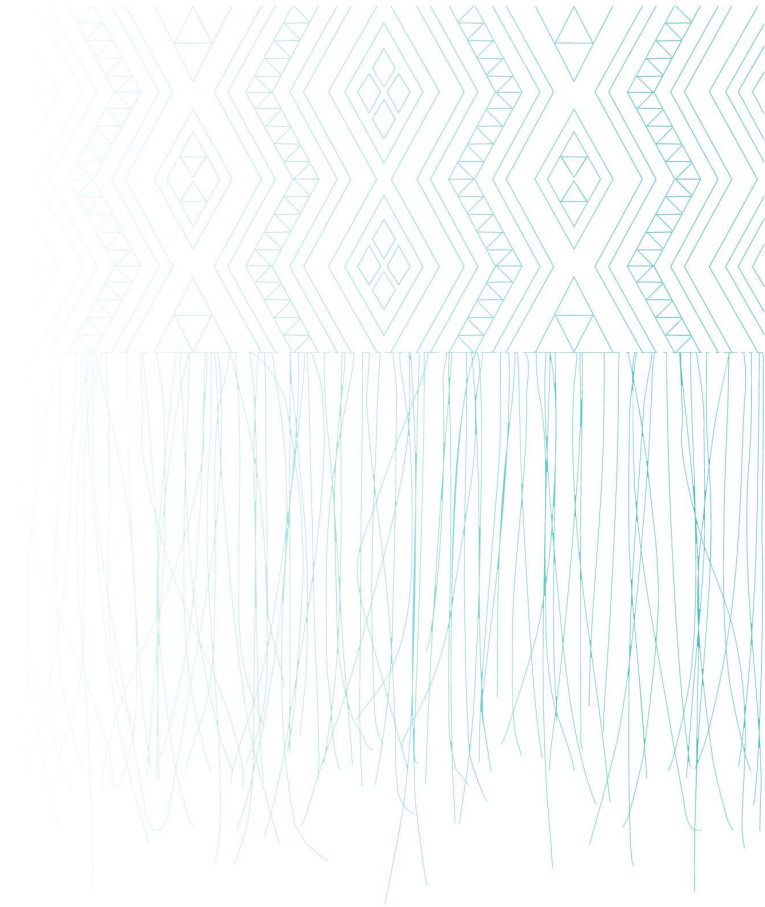
- In response to feedback received an updated version of Cervical Screening Outcome or Measurement Codes for HPV Primary Screening has been created and will be published on our website
- Feedback and engagement with the sector showed various pros and cons, and different views held within the sector regarding a viable solution for Medtech users - currently taken into consideration before a recommendation is made
- Further discovery work is underway to set an engagement approach with primary care to explore options for PMS integration

## Practice reminders

- Important that screen takers provide participants with a 'choice' between having a cervical sample vs a self-test
- One test per person, don't need to send both LBC and swab tests
- RNs working in professional partnership must order HPV test under the responsible clinicians HPI number
- Remember to prescribe oestrogen cream before colposcopy appointment for post-menopausal participants
- Continued focus on follow up tests, unscreened and under screened participants

# Laboratory updates


- APS dry swab verification trial in January
- Delays in turnaround times
- Issuing amended reports





# Rainbow resources now available

## CERVICAL SCREENING




What you need to know

**Safe.**  
**Accurate.**  
**Self-test option.**

**Time to screen** National Cervical Screening Programme

## CERVICAL SCREENING



Your test, your choice!

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## THE CERVICAL SCREENING SELF-TEST

**Safe.**  
**Accurate.**

### What you need to know

#### Human papillomavirus (HPV) testing

The internal genitals/vaginal swab test is an easy way to collect your cervical screening sample.

You can do this yourself at your screening appointment in a private area or in a bathroom. Some screen-takers may offer community-based locations, a mobile unit or a take-home test. Talk to them about the options and what suits you best.


With this test you collect a sample from your genitals/vagina, not from the cervix. It's quick and easy and should not be uncomfortable.

If you need an interpreter, it's best to mention this when you book your appointment. If you have a disability and need more support to do the test, let your healthcare provider know.

In the past, you may have had a cervical sample taken (which used to be called a smear test).

This may still be recommended for some people, and you can still choose this option if you prefer. This sample will first be tested for HPV but has the advantage that it can also be checked for any cell changes if HPV is found.

Talk with your healthcare provider to decide what's best for you.



## CERVICAL SCREENING




Understanding test results

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## COLPOSCOPY



What you need to know

**Time to screen** National Cervical Screening Programme

## Resources – Translations and alternative formats

- Currently working on what will be translated into Samoan, Tongan, Fijian, Cook Island Māori, and Niuean with possibility of additional Pacific languages
- This translations will focus information for understanding cervical screening and the new HPV testing options and supporting informed consent
- 10 additional languages
- 5 alternative formats including braille, large print, easy read, NZ sign language, audio

## New PHO cervical screening status report

- As requested now delivered on first Tuesday of the month or first business day thereafter – to align with your reporting and enrolments updates which take place at the start of each month.
- PHO and Family Planning reports were delivered on Tuesday 5th December.
- January reports will be delivered on Tuesday 9th January (later due to the Christmas period)
- Email communications will continue to be sent advising that the reports are available and if there are any data or report changes.
- Plan to continue to improve and refine the report in accordance with feedback on how it is used – please send to: [nsu-dataenquiries@health.govt.nz](mailto:nsu-dataenquiries@health.govt.nz)

# Clinical Support

- Your first contact should be your regional coordination team (0800 729 729)
- Updated NCSP [Contacts and Locations \(regional coordination teams\)](#)
- Includes phone number and generic email address for each team
- Regional Coordination Teams have dedicated full time clinical support

# Support

- For other types of support go here <https://www.tewhaturora.govt.nz/for-the-health-sector/ncsp-hpv-screening/understand-hpv-primary-screening/#finding-support>
- If you are not certain where to send your query you can send it here [Screening@health.govt.nz](mailto:Screening@health.govt.nz)
- Please ensure no clinical information is sent to [screening@health.govt.nz](mailto:screening@health.govt.nz) or [HPVScreen@health.govt.nz](mailto:HPVScreen@health.govt.nz)

## Not sure who to contact?

The table below can help you find the right team to help:

I'm...	To speak with someone	To email someone
A screening participant	0800 729 729	<a href="mailto:screening@health.govt.nz">screening@health.govt.nz</a> (link sends e-mail)
Someone with a clinical question	0800 4 90 70 90	email your regional contact
Someone with a technical question	0800 223 987	<a href="mailto:screening@health.govt.nz">screening@health.govt.nz</a> (link sends e-mail)
Someone with a withdrawal request	0800 50 60 50	<a href="mailto:info@ncspregister.health.nz">info@ncspregister.health.nz</a> (link sends e-mail)

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**Pātai?**

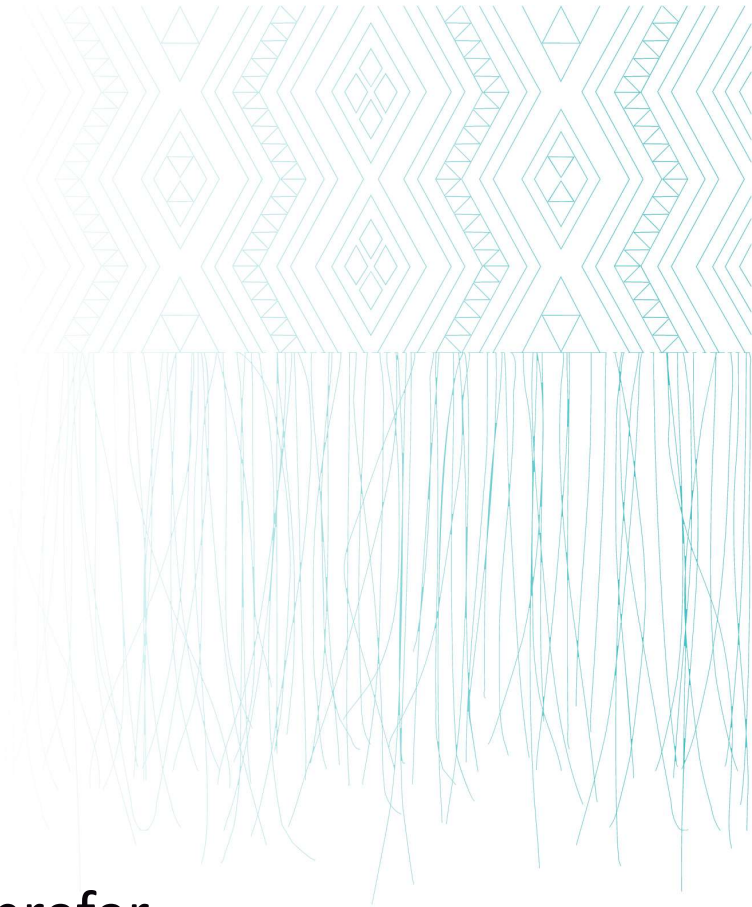
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# Next

- Future hui – Week of 12th February
  - Proposed times – Tuesday 13 February 9am
  - Wednesday 14 February 12 noon



Add to the chat which of the option you prefer



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**Extras**

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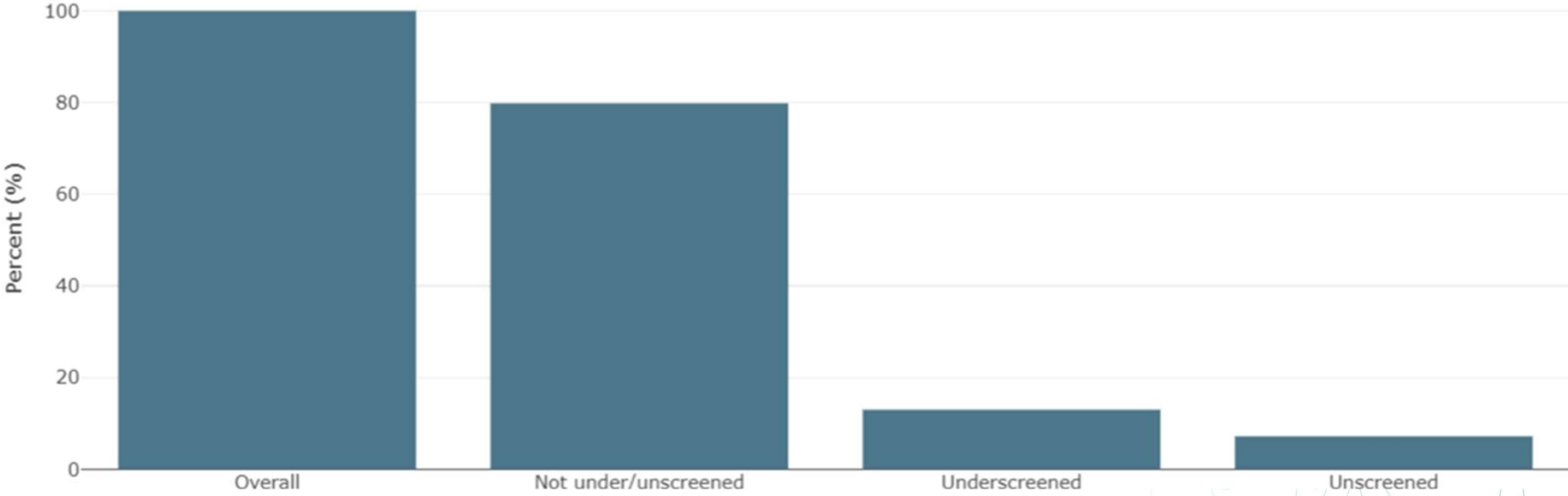


# Xmas break support

- From Monday 25 December to Monday 8 January 2024
- Clinical support (urgent screening histories) - ring 0800 50 60 50 or email [info@ncspregister.health.nz](mailto:info@ncspregister.health.nz)
- Technical support – regular business hours - 0800 223 987  
[screening@health.govt.nz](mailto:screening@health.govt.nz)
- NOTE - NCSP regional coordination teams not available except some teams may be available from 3 January 2024 for reduced services.

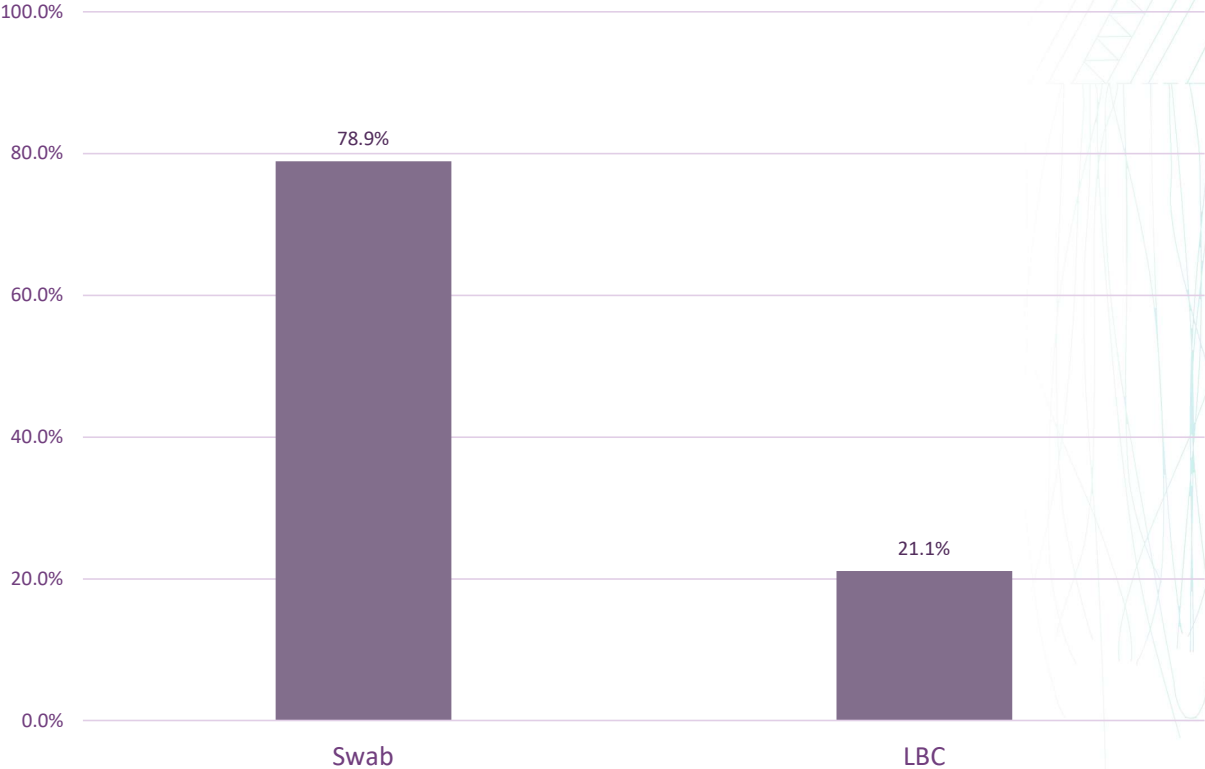
# Primary screen volumes

Screening status breakdown for Primary screens (Sep & Oct 2023)



# Swab v LBC

HPV primary screen via HPV swab versus LBC (Sep & Oct 2023)



# Results

Results (Sep & Oct 2023)

