# Cervical Screening Decision Process [CSDP] Tool

# Patient Name

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| NHS number |  |
| Date of birth |  |
| Who was involved in the assessment |  |

**Assessing Understanding –** the health professional [screener] can use these tools or request that the family / people who support the person uses these tools in their home environment to help establish the person’s understanding of WHAT and WHY cervical screening happens and what the RISKS are of refusing [See links at the end of this form]

Tick all that they could understand and retain

* Cervical screening / smear test is when a nurse looks inside your vagina. The cervix is at the top of the vagina and the screening is to check if your cervix is healthy.

Yes  No

* A virus can make changes to your cervix. You cannot see from outside if you have the virus and you would not feel unwell so wouldn’t know there were changes.

Yes  No

* If there are changes and they are caught early that can be treated really easily, but if they are left they can turn to cancer.

Yes  No

* If you have changes that are not treated, these can become cancer and then the treatment would be a lot worse and you can die from it.

Yes  No

* The nurse would put a speculum [whatever word they chose eg ‘rabbit ears thingy’] inside your vagina and then use a thing like a big cotton bud in to wipe a sample on it to send off for testing.

Yes  No

* All women are invited for these checks every 3 years from 25 [it gets a bigger gap when you get older] and it is really important to go every time so any changes are caught early before they become cancer.

Yes  No

* You are at higher risk if you have ever had sex with a man or a woman. have you ever had close sexual contact?  [Dorset NHS Love Sex and You easyread](http://www.apictureofhealth.southwest.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/sexual-health/feelings/Love_Sex_You.pdf)  has some clear images you can use to help establish this.

Yes  No

* Have you had the HPV Vaccine?

Yes  No

Please detail the methods used to communicate and what they said or did to demonstrate their level of understanding. Also note whether the people who know them well think that something more can be done, over time, to enable better understanding.

“Anyone who has ever had any sexual contact is at risk of getting HPV. It doesn’t matter what kind of sex that is – penetrative, oral, touching or sharing sex toys – or who you have it with.”

if a person has not had any kind of sexual contact, they would be at low risk of getting HPV. However, “Low risk” does not mean “no risk”.

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From this information and discussion with the person and the people who support them, did the health professional [screener] consider that they had Capacity to Consent

Yes  No

**IF YES**

1. Discuss and use tools **[see bottom of form]** and plan steps / [reasonable adjustments](https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/media-library/documents/adult-social-services/teach-reasonable-adjustments.pdf) needed for successful screening.
2. Following screening, detail here the step / reasonable adjustments that enable successful screening [for future use] or if screening was not achievable then detail whether they have requested to be exemption coded permanently or whether it has been agreed to revisited [in a timeframe.]

**If NO**

1. Then make a best interest decision through discussion with people who know the person well.

* If the do not have capacity it is highly unlikely to be in their best interest to put them through such and invasive procedure as a preemptive procedure as the risk of lasting emotional distress is likely to outweigh the risk of them having undiagnosed cervical cancer.
* This decision MUST be made on an individual bases though, because it may be felt by the people who know them well, that they will tolerate the procedure without it causing lasting distress.

1. IF it is NOT in their best interest to proceed then consider what is in their best interest to reduce the risk of undiagnosed cervical cancer

Eg

* Giving the HPV vaccine outside of the guideline parameters if they have not already received it?
* Giving the [easyread on signs and symptoms](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.hertfordshire.gov.uk%2Fmedia-library%2Fdocuments%2Fadult-social-services%2Flearning-difficulties-and-dementia%2Fcervical-cancer-symptoms-002.pptx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK) to look out for
* Set a review date rather than exemption code in-case circumstances change,
* Consider for self swabbing process should this become an option in the future.

**Detail the decision and who was involved in this.**

**What was the outcome? Screened / Not Screened**

**What are the ongoing actions for future cervical screening? (please record actions / timeframes and reasonable adjustment requirements on your system)**

**Exception Reported** Yes  [cite clinician approving this] No

**Recommendation to be reviewed.**

if the patient’s personal circumstances change. Yes  No

Every 3 to 5 years Yes  No  Date ……….

If **Self- swabbing** becomes availableYes  No

Name of health professional [Screener] :

Name of others involved in this decision process and their relationship to the person:

Date

**LINKS**

* [Reasonable adjustments](https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/media-library/documents/adult-social-services/teach-reasonable-adjustments.pdf)
* [EasyRead booklet: Having a smear test. What is it about? | Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust (jostrust.org.uk)](https://www.jostrust.org.uk/shop/cervical-screening-and-cervical-abnormalities/easyread-booklet-having-smear-test-what-it-about)
* [Cervical Screening for people with LD](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yQw4boPcKik)
* [Paula’s Smear Test – Story Board](file:///C:\Users\mattm\AppData\Local\Temp\mso2C.tmp%20(hertfordshire.gov.uk))
* [Signs and Symptoms of Cervical Cancer](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.hertfordshire.gov.uk%2Fmedia-library%2Fdocuments%2Fadult-social-services%2Flearning-difficulties-and-dementia%2Fcervical-cancer-symptoms-002.pptx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK)
* [Dorset NHS Love Sex and You Easyread](http://www.apictureofhealth.southwest.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/sexual-health/feelings/Love_Sex_You.pdf)
* [Check it out! - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=beQHs9x-aiQ)