

Freedom of Information Act Disclosure log - Reply Extract

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You asked

- 1. Please could you tell me the number of women for each month between June 2015 and June 2021 whose smear tests have shown that they have:**

a) HPV?

b) abnormal cells?

Please refer to Q2.

- 2. Please could you also tell me how many smear tests were done in each month, so that I can express this as a percentage of total smear tests?**

University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust is an acute hospital and does not provide routine smear tests. Few smears are taken in the Trust's colposcopy clinic compared to GP surgeries. The Trust generally only takes smears for follow up of previous abnormal cells or due to difficulty in obtaining a smear within the community setting – therefore the data will be heavily skewed towards HPV positive results and abnormal cells. The timeframe between smears is also likely to be skewed towards enhanced screening timeframes rather than routine recall.

More comprehensive information for your questions would be best gathered from the national screening programme who will have complete data for smears taken in both hospital and community. This can be found at the following links:

[Cervical Screening \(Annual\) - NHS Digital](#)

[Cervical Screening \(Quarterly\) - NHS Digital](#)

- 3. If you have the information, please could you tell me what the average time was between smear tests for individual patients (ie, they had them on average every three years 2 months etc) for each month from June 2015 to June 2021?**

Not applicable.



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