

Dear

I am writing to you in reply to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to Nottinghamshire County Council. I have the following information.

1.

a. What activities has your local authority undertaken to promote cervical screening and increase uptake over the last year, August 2016 to August 2017?

Cancer Screening Services are commissioned by NHS England for Nottinghamshire, and undertake these activities highlighted above for Nottinghamshire, supported by the CCGs and Cancer Research UK.

The Local Authority was mindful that whilst NHSE do not commission cervical screening directly from the Integrated Sexual Health Services (ISHS) that women attending these services who are not registered with a GP or are 'seldom seen' and would ordinarily not take up the offer of a screen should be offered a screen by the ISHS. The cost being picked up by the Council.

b. What were the outcomes of those activities? For example, greater awareness, increased screening coverage.

As above. Public Health monitor the number of cervical screens undertaken by the ISHS providers as part of the contract management process.

c. Have local targets been set to improve cervical screening coverage?

As above

d. Does your local authority public health team have a budget to promote uptake of cervical screening?

No

2.

a. Is your public health team aware of the report published by Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust in January 2017, 'Cervical Screening in the Spotlight: an audit of activities undertaken by local authorities and clinical commissioning groups to increase cervical screening coverage in England'?

Yes

b. If yes, have any additional activities to improve cervical screening coverage been undertaken or planned as a result of the 'Cervical Screening in the Spotlight' report?

As noted above Cancer Screening Services are commissioned by NHS England for Nottinghamshire, and undertake these activities highlighted above for Nottinghamshire, supported by the CCGs and Cancer Research UK. Nottinghamshire PH LA has promoted the local awareness for the PHE Be Clear on Cancer (BCOC) Campaigns with the public, GPs and Pharmacists, but as yet there hasn't been a BCOC national campaign for Cervical Cancer.

3. Are women able to attend cervical screening at the sexual health services in your local authority area?

Yes – some women are able to receive their cervical screening on an opportunistic basis.

These are defined as women who are seldom seen. Please note these tests are funded from the LA Sexual Budget not NHSE.

4. Have you undertaken any work with local schools or other partners to increase uptake of the HPV vaccine?

Yes – a letter has been sent to all secondary schools across the county which sets out the safety of the immunisation and efficacy. The provision of web links to HPV promotional materials (template provided by the local NHSE SIT).

If you have any queries or concerns then please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information Team, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or e-mail complaints@nottscc.gov.uk.

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