

NEL Cancer Alliance Primary Care Update July / August 2026

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1 HPV Self-Sampling updates

We are writing to inform you of key updates to the London Opportunistic HPV Self-Sampling pathway. For more information, visit our [webpage](#).

Complete roll-out in general practice

We are pleased to inform you that as of 5 August 2026, opportunistic HPV self-sampling has now been rolled out across London and is accessible to all GP practices in the region.

Extended intervals

With effect from **7 August 2026, the screening recall interval for individuals aged 25-49** who test negative following an HPV self-sample test, will be extended from three (3) to five (5) years.

This means that the HPV self-sampling recall intervals for all ages will now be in line with the routine Cervical Screening Programme. We are updating the patient information, clinical system tools and professional guidance to reflect this change.

For more information, please see the [cancer alliance webpage](#), visit [HPVSS Professional Guidance for Primary Care](#) or contact england.ypa@nhs.net

This is a copy of the communications that was sent out to all practices:

Dear colleagues,

In September 2025, NHS London became the first region in England to offer opportunistic HPV self-sampling in general practice. The Region is pleased to

confirm the further expansion of this opportunistic pathway to include all London General Practices.

This is a groundbreaking step forward in making screening more accessible and empowering for patients.

The attached launch pack contains the key information required to support your practice offer HPV self-sampling. This includes:

1. Details and link to the **Primary Care Professional Guidance**.
2. Information and link to the online **HPV Self-Sampling Training module** for healthcare professionals.
3. Link for **ordering consumables** from CSL
4. Instructions to **access EMIS and SystmOne clinical protocols and templates**
5. A **Communications Toolkit** with links to patient resources

Information and resources for the NHS London SelfScreen Opportunistic HPV Self-Sampling Pathway are available online on the [cancer alliance webpage](#) and at: [NHS England — London » Cervical screening resources](#).

If you have any questions, please contact:

General Pathway Queries	
NHS London commissioning team	england.ypa@nhs.net
HPV Self-Screening Clinical System Template and Alerts/Protocol Queries	
EMIS & SystmOne	nclicb.itandsystems@nhs.net
HPV Self-Screening Searches	
NEL ICB	nelicb.gpittraining@nhs.net
SEL ICB	ICT@selondonics.nhs.uk
SWL ICB	Raise a ticket on the self-service portal or telephone: 0203 513 6464 https://itservicedesk.swlondon.nhs.uk/CherwellPortal/SupportHubICB/CherwellLogin
WNL ICB	nclicb.itandsystems@nhs.net
CSL (Lab) Queries	
TQuest queries	helpdesk@tdlpathology.com
Supplies/Grab bags	ls.helpdesk@hslpathology.com
General IT Queries	
Your local GP IT Service Desk	

2 NHS Cervical Screening Webinar: 9 September 2026

As part of ongoing efforts to improve access to cervical screening and support the ambition to eliminate cervical cancer by 2040, the NHS Cervical Screening Programme is introducing an initial HPV self-testing offer for eligible women and people with a cervix who have not attended cervical screening following previous routine invitations.

A webinar will take place on **Wednesday 9 September 2026, from 12:00pm to 1:00pm**, to provide colleagues with an overview of the new pathway and what it means for those delivering and supporting cervical screening services.

The session will cover the clinical pathway, operational arrangements, training updates, key implications for primary care, wider programme developments and a live question and answer session with the programme team.

The webinar is relevant to colleagues working in primary care, sample taker services including sexual health services, CSAS, laboratories and wider cervical screening services.

Please register [here](#) to attend the webinar and please share this invitation with relevant colleagues who may benefit from attending.

All resources will be uploaded to NHS Futures [here](#).

If you have any queries about the webinar, please contact england.vaccination-equalities@nhs.net.

3 Cervical cancer training

To support education and early diagnosis of Cervical Cancer, the South East London Cancer Alliance is highlighting their updated educational module:

[Ovarian Cancer Education Module](#)

These short form modules support cancer risk factors and symptom awareness, but also referral pathways, case studies and provide key insights from secondary care.

We also have a library of other modules, intended to support early cancer diagnosis and patient management in the community.

To review all previously created modules, [click here!](#)

4 Lung Cancer Screening Update

The Lung Cancer Screening programme in north east London is preparing to expand into Waltham Forest, having successfully launched in Barking & Dagenham, Tower Hamlets, Newham and Havering.

Materials to help raise awareness of the programme are available here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/161ZDx5KMaT5mKnvwHxdxJtbStM7D3fcg?usp=drive_link

More information about Lung Cancer Screening is on our webpage:

<https://www.nelcanceralliance.nhs.uk/lung-cancer-screening>

More information about the location of the scanning truck in Waltham Forest is available here: <https://www.nelcanceralliance.nhs.uk/lung-cancer-screening-waltham-forest>

5 Myeloma Training

It's Myeloma Awareness week. To support education and early diagnosis of Myeloma, the South East London Cancer Alliance is highlighting their updated educational module:

[Myeloma- Cancer Education Module](#)

These short form modules support cancer risk factors and symptom awareness, but also referral pathways, case studies and provide key insights from secondary care.

We also have a library of other modules, intended to support early cancer diagnosis and patient management in the community.

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6 Podcasts

Latest episodes from the cancer alliance's series, [Taking Control of Cancer](#), include [busting myths of skin cancer](#) and [checking your prostate cancer risk](#).

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