

What will happen when the survey is finished?

When the survey has been completed we will use the findings to help us to complete the STRATEGIC study. We may present the findings at conferences and in scientific journals. If you wish to be sent a summary of the results when the study has been completed please provide your email in the space provided at the end of the survey.

What do I do now?

If you wish to take part please complete either the enclosed questionnaire or the online version of the survey. You can access the online survey at www.weblink.TBA.com online by entering the following participation code XXXX

Where can I get more information about the survey?

If you do not understand anything on this information sheet, would like more details or if you are unhappy with any aspect of this study please contact:

Carly Moseley
(trial coordinator)

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

If the trial coordinator is unable to resolve your concern or you wish to make a complaint regarding the study, please contact a University Research Practice and Governance Co-ordinator on [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] or by email to: [REDACTED]

If you would like advice on whether to take part or not, advice may be available from the Central Manchester University Hospitals Trust Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS), who can be contacted on [REDACTED] or via email: [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time to read this leaflet.

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Patient Information Sheet

Survey linked to the STRATEGIC Study

Strategies to Increase Cervical Screening Uptake at First Invitation



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We would like to invite you to take part in a survey of around 400 women which is being carried out as part of a study looking at ways to increase the number of young women accepting their first invitation for a cervical screening test (smear test). The study is called STRATEGIC. Before you decide whether to take part, it is important for you to understand what it will involve. Please take time to read this information sheet carefully and if you have any questions, or you would like more information, our contact details are given at the end of this leaflet.

What is the purpose of the survey?

We would like to understand more about how women feel about cervical screening in general, and women's preferences for different options that could be used by the NHS to encourage young women to accept their invitation for their first cervical screening test.

Why have I been approached?

You have been approached because you have recently been invited for a cervical screening test and records indicate that you have not yet attended. If you have now attended for your cervical screening test then please ignore this invitation and accept our apologies for having contacted you. You need take no further action.

We want to learn more about what you think about cervical screening and to get your views about alternative ways that could potentially be used to arrange a

cervical screen. We can assure you that we are not questioning your decision not to have a cervical screening test; we only seek to understand any potential barriers that may have influenced your decision.

If you are happy to take part in the survey please either complete the attached questionnaire and return in the postage-paid envelope or visit www.weblink.TBA.com and complete the survey online by entering the following participation code XXXX.

The survey will simply ask you about your views on cervical screening in general, and will present you with a number of different choices. These choices will be presented to you in pairs and you will be asked to indicate which you prefer. You will also be asked some questions about yourself.

Do I have to take part?

Your participation is entirely voluntary. Even if you initially decide to take part and complete the survey, you can still change your mind at a later point. Whatever your decision it will not affect the standard of any care that you may receive from the NHS.

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

If you do take part, you will be contributing to our knowledge about women's preferences for cervical screening and what they find acceptable and not acceptable. Our hope is that we can use this knowledge to help increase women's willingness to attend for cervical screening in the future, which could reduce the numbers of women who develop cervical cancer.

What are the possible disadvantages and risks of taking part?

Completing the survey will take up roughly 15-20 minutes of your time. As compensation for your time and to say thank you for your help, we will send you a £10 shopping voucher in the post when we have received your completed survey.

Will my taking part be kept confidential?

Your responses will be anonymised and therefore nothing that identifies you personally will be shared outside of the individuals in the research team. You will only be contacted again as part of this research if you complete the survey, and this will only be so that we can send you the £10 shopping voucher.

Will my GP be informed?

Whether you choose to complete the survey or not, your GP will not be informed.

Who has reviewed the study?

All research in the NHS is looked at by an independent group of people, called a Research Ethics Committee, to protect your safety, rights, wellbeing and dignity. This research has been reviewed and approved by Greater Manchester North West Research Ethics Committee.