

# Cervical screening (smear test) prevents at least 2,000 cervical cancer deaths each year in the UK

You might have heard that the smear test will now look for human papilloma virus (HPV) infection.

- This is really common and has no symptoms
- Having HPV doesn't mean that you have cancer, but some types of HPV infection can increase your risk of cervical cancer if they don't go away



So pay attention to your invitation to screening if you're

- a woman or trans man aged 25–64
- even if you've had the HPV vaccine
- whether you're sexually active or not and whatever your sexual orientation



And speak to your GP if you haven't received a letter.

