Practice headed paper – This letter is for parents/carers of women who have not completed cervical screening. 17/10/16

Date

Dear parent/carer,

We are writing to you to explain why it is safest for Click here to enter text. to continue to get their invitation to cervical screening.

The best way to reduce the risk of cervical cancer is for women to have regular screening. We recognise that not everyone can manage or wants to participate in the cervical screening programme.

**Women who do not want or cannot manage cervical screening are advised to carry on receiving regular reminders so that someone can talk to them and you about signs and symptoms that might indicate that there is a problem.**

When the invite for cervical screening is received it will act as a reminder to visit the surgery where up to date advice and information can be given.

A doctor or practice nurse at the surgery will be able to give you advice and information around signs and symptoms of cervical cancer. This will also be an opportunity to talk again about cervical screening as things change and somebody who could not manage a screening test before might manage one now.

Best interest decisions should be reviewed at this time if the woman you support lacks capacity to make a decision about cervical screening.

The surgery is able to provide information on cervical screening and signs of cervical cancer in different formats to make it easier to understand.

This regular contact with the surgery is very important as people’s lives change.

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely

Individuals named GP