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Dear _____

Thank you for attending for your recent cervical screening test.

The report from the laboratory about your cervical screening result showed minor changes to the cells in your cervix that needed further investigation. The cell changes can indicate infection with the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) which can cause cervical abnormalities.

The laboratory tested your screening sample for HPV and reported that there was evidence of HPV infection.

HPV is a common virus and most people will have it at some point in their life without knowing. However it can be long-lasting, and this may cause abnormal cells in your cervix. The cells can, over time, turn into cancer if left untreated.

A further investigation called colposcopy is needed to find out whether any treatment is required. Colposcopy is a simple examination of the cervix using a colposcope (a type of magnifying glass). It is carried out at your local hospital.

Add details about how the woman will receive her colposcopy appointment

It is important that the changes to your cervix are checked now, in case they need treatment. If you need treatment after colposcopy you will usually be treated as an outpatient and there will be no need for you to stay in hospital.

D-5 Result letter for borderline test (HPV positive); action: refer for colposcopy

If you have any questions about your result or would like more information about anything mentioned in this letter please contact your GP or **XXX XXX**. You can also access further information about the Cervical Screening Programme at www.cancerscreening.hscni.net

Dr XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

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