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Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for attending for your recent cervical screening test.

I am writing to let you know you that your screening result showed no evidence of high risk Human Papillomavirus (HPV) infection. A negative HPV result means it is highly unlikely that you have any abnormal cervical cells and you require no further testing at this time.

Your next screening test is due on or around **xx xx xxxx**. We will send you a reminder letter nearer the time.

Cervical screening will pick up most changes to your cervix but can’t find

them all. Changes can also happen between tests so it is important

to go for a screening test every time you’re invited. If you have any unusual symptoms like discharge or irregular bleeding, don’t wait for your next test, but consult your GP.

The primary HPV testing pathway was introduced into the Northern Ireland cervical screening programme from December 2023. This means that all samples are tested for high risk HPV and only those found to have the HPV virus undergo further tests. Further information on the new screening pathway can be found at [www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/cervical-screening](http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/cervical-screening)

If you have any questions about your test result or would like more information about cervical screening please contact your GP or **xx xx xx**.

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Yours sincerely

Dr XXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXX