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Announcement of methodological changes to NHS Cervical Screening Programme Statistics, England 2012-13 [NS] ¹

Change to reporting geographies

From April 2013, Primary Care Organisations (PCOs) and Strategic Health Authorities (SHAs) ceased to exist. Data will still be presented by PCO for the 2012-13 publication as PCOs existed throughout the period of coverage (April 2012 to March 2013).

From 2012-13 onwards regional data will be presented by the eight new reporting regions for screening. These are co-terminus with the old SHAs but the North East and Yorkshire and the Humber SHAs are now under one reporting region (NE Yorkshire and Humber) and the South East Coast and South Central SHAs come under the South East reporting region. For the 2012-13 publication, these two reporting regions will be broken down to show the old constituent SHAs separately. This will apply to all report and table content that was previously shown by SHA.

Reporting of referral value by pathology laboratories

Referral value is the number of women referred to colposcopy (excluding inadequate referrals) per detection of one CIN2 or worse lesion. Referral value has previously been reported as a percentile range, based on values calculated for each pathology laboratory, but not reported at individual laboratory level. From 2012-13 onwards referral values for each pathology laboratory will be included as part of Table 19 in the Data Tables. For 2012-13, referral values are reported for the 12 month period from April 2011 to March 2012 and for the first quarter of 2012-13.

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