

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

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Question/s to be Answered

1. The average wait time since January 2021 for accessing the below sexual health services.
 - I. Implant insertion and removal (new or repeat)
 - II. Coil/IUD insertion and removal (new or repeat)
 - III. Repeat or new pills prescription
 - IV. Sexual health screening (symptomatic)
 - V. Sexual health screening (no symptoms)
 - VI. Specialised clinics for young people

In January 2021 the waiting time for a coil or implant was 12 weeks. Significant work has been undertaken since then and the wait for an implant is less than 1 week (insertion/removal) and for coils the wait for a new coil is 3 weeks (removal 1 week)

For repeat or new pills this is shared with Primary Care. In January 21 women were encouraged to see their GP for repeat prescriptions as the Sexual Health Clinic became appointment only with waiting times of 4 weeks for an appointment. The clinic has resumed walk in appointments with the wait less than 1 week.

The same applies to Sexual Health screening. Screening kits also being sent in the post for self testing.

In January 21 there were no specialised clinics for young people. In January 22 a pilot was started in one of the local high schools. The report is being presented in July and an action plan will be developed depending on the evaluation.

2. The current number of staff vacancies in sexual health facing roles in family planning clinics and in the sexual health department.

There isn't a separate Family Planning Service. There is one x fixed term Sexual Health Lead Nurse vacancy

3. Of cancers in people found as a result of a cervical screen, the average time since January 1st 2021 between a cervical screening appointment and a cervical cancer diagnosis.
4. The average time since January 1st 2021 between a cervical cancer diagnosis and starting treatment.
5. The uptake of cervical screens as a percentage in 2019.
6. The uptake percentage now since the resumption of cervical screens services post Covid-19.

Information from Public Health: Cervical Screening is delivered via NHS Grampian therefore all data will be held there. Cervical Screening data is available from Public Health Scotland <https://publichealthscotland.scot/publications/scottish-cervical-screening-programme-statistics/scottish-cervical-screening-programme-statistics-annual-update-to-31-march->

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From local reporting there have been no referrals following cervical screening.