
Operational Policy and Quality Standards for the National Cervical Screening Programme

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Providers performing health services associated with the Programme (health providers) shall comply with all of the provisions of this publication that relate to the provision of those health services. For the avoidance of doubt Chapters 1 and 2 apply to all health providers in addition to the specific chapter(s) relating to the service that health provider performs.

The provisions to be complied with include both the provisions of this publication referred to as 'standards' and the provisions of the remainder of the publication which are to be referred to as 'policy'. This publication sets out the minimum requirements that are to be met by health providers.

All of the provisions of this publication shall be binding upon health providers from 1 October 2000 except for

- Standards 503, 504, 505 and 507 which shall be binding on laboratory health providers from 1 July 2001.

The appendices to this publication (and in particular the National Indicators detailed at Appendix 5) form part of this publication and are also binding upon health providers.

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