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## Chapter 4 –Providing a Smear-taking Service

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### Enrolment in the NCSP

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#### **Enrolment in the NCSP**

Enrolment in the NCSP occurs when a woman's details are entered onto the NCSP-Register. This usually occurs when the first smear or histology result is received by the NCSP.

Smear takers must notify women at the time of their first smear that their result will be forwarded to the NCSP and recorded on the NCSP-Register, unless they choose to withdraw.

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#### **Notification to women about the NCSP**

Smear takers are required to ensure all women receive the following information:

- The objective and benefits of participating in the NCSP
- The benefits and limitations of cervical screening
- Importance of providing accurate ethnicity information
- Who has access to the information stored on the NCSP-Register
- The uses to which this information may be put
- The NCSP information pamphlets including the appropriate language pamphlets e.g. Maori.

Pamphlets are available to facilitate the provision of the above information and process to women.

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#### **Standard 406**

**Smear takers including specialists will ensure women have been provided with the required information prior to taking a smear or a histology sample.**

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