



# Health (National Cervical Screening Programme) Amendment Act 2004

## FACT SHEET 6

### The NCSP-Register

This national computer system holds the details of women enrolled in the Programme, as well as details of smear takers, specialists and laboratories.

#### Security of the Register

- Women's details are supplied only by smear takers, specialists and laboratories or women.
- The NCSP-Register is separate from any other computer system.

#### What women's records include

- Their name, address, age, ethnicity, usual smear taker and clinic, cervical results and treatment details.
- After March 2005, if women withdraw from the Programme, the NCSP-Register will hold only their name, address, date of birth, National Health Index (NHI) number, ethnicity and the date they withdrew.

#### How the NCSP-Register is used

The NCSP-Register acts as a back up for smear taker recall systems:

- if a woman needs treatment, it tracks her steps through the treatment process
- it produces letters that welcome women to the Programme, remind them if they are a few months overdue for their next cervical smear, tell women if their latest result was not normal, and tell women when they no longer need to have cervical smears
- register data is also used to help monitor the progress of the Programme.