

Cervical Screening Survey Results

We recently conducted an anonymous survey of our female patients on the reasons women don't come for cervical screening. These are the results of this research.

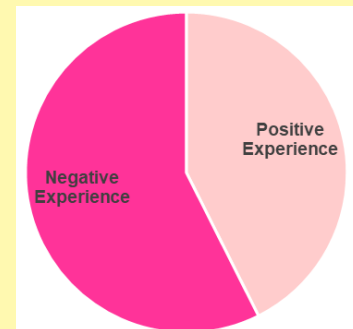
Did you know?

The NHS Cervical Screening Programme saves around 5000 lives a year by detecting the HPV virus – which caused cervical cancer.

We then asked ladies who have had a cervical smear to tell us about their experience.

42% said:

- Fine
- Professional
- Quick
- Painless
- Simple
- What they expected

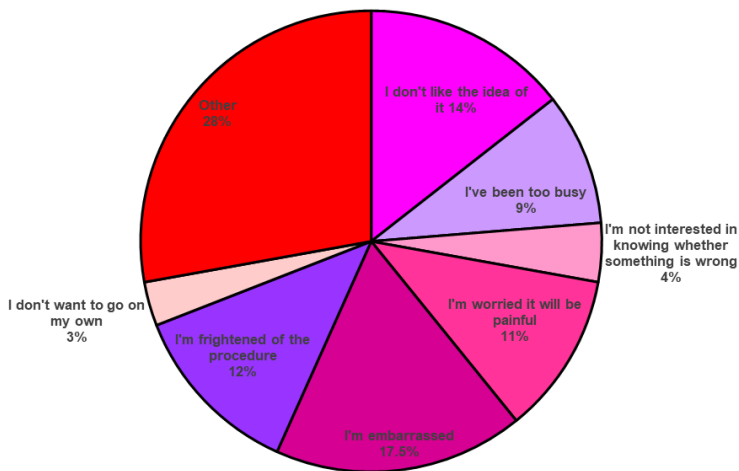


57% said:

- Unpleasant
- Uncomfortable
- Embarrassing
- Awkward
- Painful

Thank you to everyone who took part in the survey for us, we really appreciate those who took the time to answer our questions.

The results have been passed onto the PCN and practice. We will hopefully be able to make some changes to encourage more ladies to book in.

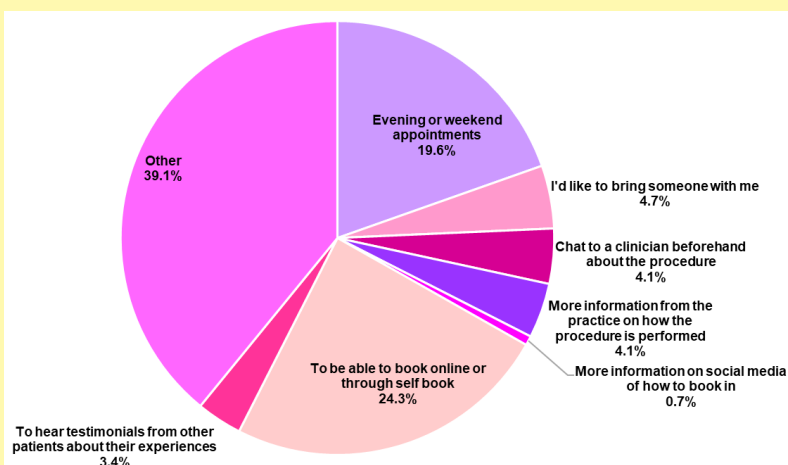


We asked patients that had not had a smear test previously, for their reason why.

Other reasons for not having their smear test included:

- I don't want a male practitioner
- I don't like to be exposed
- I'm worried about how invasive it is
- You should be able to test at home like for STDs
- I'm not currently sexually active

Lastly, we asked what the PCN could do to encourage more people to book in.



Other suggestions included:

- The option of patients doing the tests at home
- Nurses to provide as much information as possible and talk patients through the procedure