

# Publication Summary



## Scottish Cervical Screening Programme Statistics 2010-11

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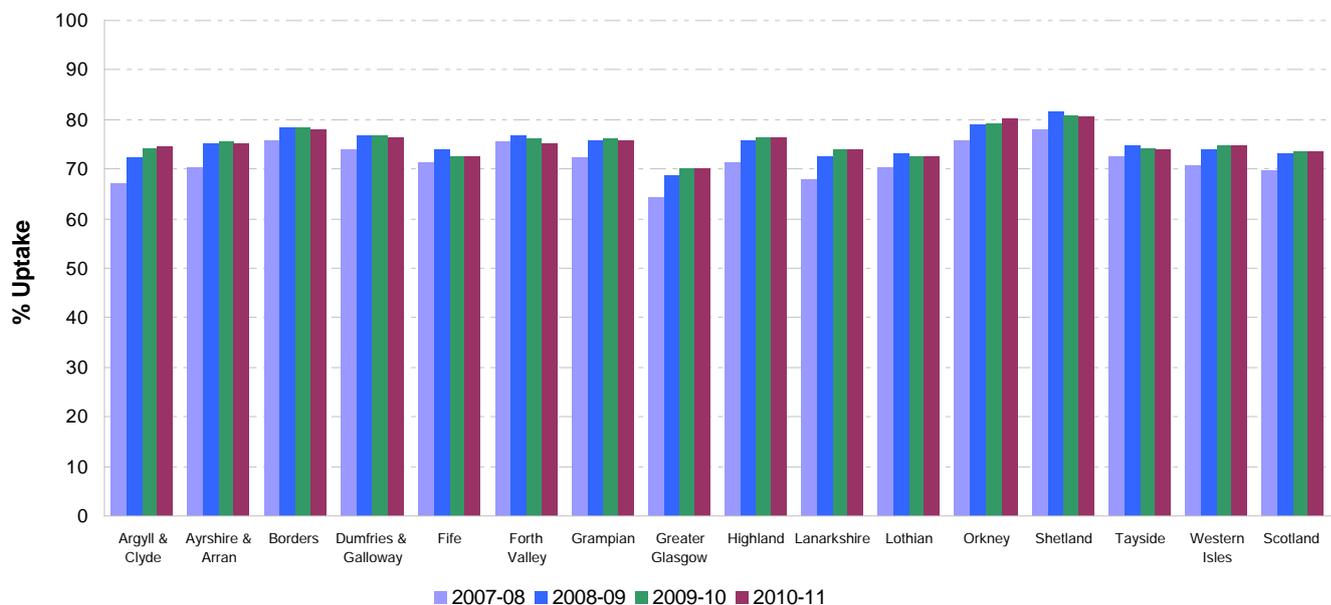


### About this Release

Annual and quarterly cervical screening statistics including uptake by age group and NHS Board, average reporting and laboratory turnaround times, number of cervical screening tests processed and results of tests, all reported by NHS Board/laboratory.

### Key Points

**Figure 1. Percentage uptake rates of females in Scotland aged 20-60<sup>1</sup> with a record of a previous screening test taken within last 3.5 years, by NHS Board of Residence**



1. Based on the Scottish Cervical Call Recall System (SCCRS) population denominator (excluding medically ineligible women)  
 2. NHS Highland does not include the Argyll & Bute area and figures for NHS Glasgow do not include the Clyde area.  
 3. Cervical screening year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March.

- Of all eligible women, approximately 74% have taken up the invitation to screening within the last 3.5 years.
- Just over 390,000 cervical screening tests were processed within the programme which is an increase of approximately 4% in the last 3 years since 2007-08.
- Of all tests processed, just over 97% were of satisfactory quality. Of satisfactory results, 90.8% had a negative result, 7.9% had a low grade cell change and the remaining 1.3% had high grade cell changes.

## Background

The national cervical screening programme was introduced in Scotland in 1988 with the aim of reducing the incidence of invasive cancer of the cervix. It is routinely offered to eligible women aged 20-60 every three years and is used to identify cell changes which could develop to be cancerous in women who otherwise have no symptoms; at this stage, any changes can be easily treated and treatment is usually very effective. Cervical Screening has been shown to reduce cervical cancer incidence and further mortality.

In May 2007, following a review of local call recall arrangements in Scotland, a new national IT system, the Scottish Cervical Call Recall System (SCCRS), was introduced. Cervical screening data are currently collected by each of the laboratories in Scotland and retained on SCCRS. SCCRS collects information relating to each step as a woman moves through her screening episode. More information on SCCRS can be found [here](#).

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