

Appendix 7 (as supplied by the authors): Proposed Performance Indicators

Performance indicator	Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria and Technical Notes
Screening Rate: Percentage of eligible women in the target population who are screened within a 3 year time interval. Time scale should allow for some variation: up to 3.5 years.	Must have been sexually active
Proportion of women screened with an abnormal Pap test result: by category of abnormality	Must have a cervix
Rate of subsequent tests: Proportion of women with positive Pap smear undergoing colposcopy and biopsy, by category of abnormality.	Are not immunocompromised
Pre-cancer Detection Rate: Number of pre-cancerous lesions (LSIL and HSIL)* detected per 1,000 women screened in a 3-year period.	Are not being followed up for abnormalities
After a negative screening test, time intervals for repeat screening for eligible women. The intervals of special interest would include Within 1-2.5 years (measure of screening at short intervals) In 2.5 to 3.5 years (i.e. close to the recommended interval of 3 years-the range in this performance indicator to allow for scheduling)	Stratify analysis by age group (<20, 20-24, 25-29, 30-39, 70+), ethnicity, and other high risk characteristics.
Rate of discussion of potential benefits, risks and limitations of cervical cancer screening with eligible women.	

* LSIL: low grade squamous intraepithelial lesion, HSIL: high grade squamous intraepithelial lesion