



Dear Colleague

## GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ENTITLEMENTS FOR 2011/12

### **Quality and Outcomes Framework: Cervical screening (CS) indicator 1 – patients aged from 20 – 60 in Scotland whose notes record that a cervical screening test has been performed in the preceding 5 years**

#### **Summary**

1. This circular has been prepared to clarify the use of exception reporting rules regarding 'did not attend' (DNA) letters for the additional services cervical screening indicators.

#### **Background**

2. PCA(M)(2011)16 issued on 25 October 2011 introduced the revised Statement of Financial Entitlements (SFE) for GMS Contractors, an electronic copy of the SFE can be found on the NHS website at:  
[http://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2011\(M\)16.pdf](http://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2011(M)16.pdf)
3. The final paragraph on page 301 under the heading CS 1.1 Practice guidance reads as "From April 2011, the exception reporting rules regarding 'did not attend' (DNA) letters for the additional services cervical screening indicators in the QOF have changed. The first two letters from the central cancer screening services inviting a patient to attend for a screening will now count towards the three letters required to code a patient as DNA."
4. In Scotland however all three letters are sent out centrally by the Scottish Cervical Call Recall System (SCCRS)

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#### **Addresses**

##### For action

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5. The paragraph will therefore be amended at the next SFE change to say “From April 2011, the exception reporting rules regarding ‘did not attend’ (DNA) letters for the additional services cervical screening indicators in the QOF have changed. The first two letters from the central cancer screening services inviting a patient to attend for a screening will now count towards the three letters required to code a patient as DNA. In Scotland, all three letters will be sent out centrally.”

**Action.**

6. NHS Boards are asked to bring this circular to the attention of all Primary care Leads and GP Contractors.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank Strang', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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