The spirit of this comprehensive document is endorsed by the SCSP. Some processes and procedures differ between NHSCSP and SCSP: these are outlined in this paper.

1. INTRODUCTION

The main components of the document are adoption of revised BSCC terminology for reporting cervical cytology, consequent management of results and expansion of performance indicators.

2. ADEQUACY OF CERVICAL CYTOLOGY SAMPLES

Guidance used in SCSP is found in Nationally Agreed Procedure (NAP) 10, Assessment of Adequacy of Cellularity of ThinPrep® Preparations.

3. REPORTING AND CLASSIFICATION OF CERVICAL CYTOLOGY

Changes to terminology in SCSP will be effective from 1st April 2013 and are documented on the SCCRS website as Changes to Test Result Reporting Categories – Scottish Cervical Screening Programme.

3.6 Definition of dyskaryosis

Guidance used in SCSP is found in NAP 11, Grading of Squamous Dyskaryosis

4. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MANAGEMENT

Guidance for management categories used in SCSP is found in NAP 8, SCSP recommendations for management of routine and non-routine smears and for follow up after treatment for CIN/CGIN is found in NAP 9, Follow up for colposcopy after abnormal smear.

5. HR-HPV TESTING

SCSP uses HR-HPV testing for Test of Cure Follow up but not for triage of borderline or low grade samples.

6. CODES FOR STANDARD CYTOLOGY RESULTS, HR-HPV INFECTION, AND ACTION

SCCRS deals with all aspects of reporting and management within the SCSP without use of codes.
7. CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING CERVICAL CYTOLOGY

The SCSP monitors programme performance via a series of MOBIUS and NCCIAS reports. The Laboratory reports are reviewed by the Laboratory Quality Assurance Group. The review includes

Laboratory Turnaround Times
Laboratory Reporting Profiles
Laboratory Sensitivity and Specificity
PPV, APV & TPV
Mean CIN score
Referral Values

Due to the smaller number of centres in Scotland, outliers are identified by being >2SD from the mean. Reasons for unusual results are explored with the laboratory representative at the Laboratory QA meetings and if justified, are reported to QARC by the Laboratory QA Chair.

All of the referenced documents are on the NSD website and can be linked through SCCRS.

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