



Leeds Cancer Programme



Transforming cancer care together

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Media Release

The NHS in Leeds warns of text message scam regarding cervical screening

Public Health England and healthcare providers in Leeds want to alert the public to a possible scam. Some women are being contacted by text message, claiming to be from Public Health England's 'call and recall' service advising them that they are overdue for their cervical screening test.

The recipient is asked to call a mobile number and provide personal details. These messages are NOT sent from the NHS cervical screening programme and are potentially fraudulent. This activity has been reported to the Action Fraud Line.

Anyone who receives a text such as this should not reply or provide personal details, and all instances can be reported to the police via the non-urgent 101 number.

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Leeds Cancer Programme is a partnership between Macmillan Cancer Support, the NHS in Leeds and Leeds City Council to transform cancer services across the city. Through its dynamic and ambitious strategy, it is committed to delivering the best outcomes for all in Leeds through world class cancer services shaped by patients, carers and the wider public.