**Cervical screening communication options for practices via websites and social media platforms**

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* You can take someone with you.
* You can check to make sure you have a female nurse.
* You can ask for a longer appointment.
* You can ask if your practice offers weekend appointments.
* You can ask for an interpreter.
* The nurse or doctor completing the screening is trained to help you feel comfortable.

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**Text 1**

**Text 2**

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Measures continue to be in place to keep both patients and staff safe. There are a number of videos on the Cancer Wise Leeds YouTube channel that explain the steps that are being taken regarding safety and what you can expect in a cervical screening. [**Please take a look at the video**](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbyyPchUuDdqV9gtWFVa7hA)**s**, which are also available in Polish and Urdu.

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