

VERY IMPORTANT INVITATION PROJECT



October 2023 Newsletter

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Black History Month

During Black History Month, we have the opportunity to recognise and honour the valuable contributions of black individuals to society, particularly in the realms of health and care. This month also serves as a platform to inspire and empower future generations. In particular, this year's Black History Month is dedicated to celebrating the achievements of black women, who often go unnoticed.

Data reveals nearly 1 in 3 do not take up the offer of cervical screening.

A survey reveals that one in ten (11%) Black women & people with a Cervix who have been invited to screening have never attended, higher than the 7% England average.

Very Important Invitation project are on hand to support with access & attending Cervical Screening appointments. We can support with a range of reasonable adjustment, as well as offering an extended access service offering evening and weekend appointments 7 days a week.

Where are our extended access sites and how to book

These are our 8 extended access sites across Suffolk:

- Bury St Edmunds
- Felixstowe
- Ipswich
- Stowmarket
- Wickham Market
- Hadleigh
- Glemsford
- Eye

We offer evening and weekend appointments. To book an appointment head over to:

<https://suffolkfed.org.uk/healthcare-services/cervical-screening/cervical-screening-appointment-request/>

What are the team up to this month

Felixstowe Academy early health education session HPV

Woodbridge Integrated Neighbourhood Team Planning Workshop

Team update

Very Important information team met with Fiona at the Finn Clinic, Ipswich Hospital. The Finn Clinic provides Women's Physiotherapy Service provides assessment and treatment for pregnancy related issues (antenatal and post natal) including backpain, pelvic pain, and pelvic floor pain, pain with sexual intercourse etc. Also provides intervention and support with continence problems.

September was Gynaecologic cancer awareness month; the team have been busy attending a number of events over the month to promote access to Cervical Screening and to discuss Gynae cancers and the signs and symptoms.



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