

# T accesses her first Cervical Screening!

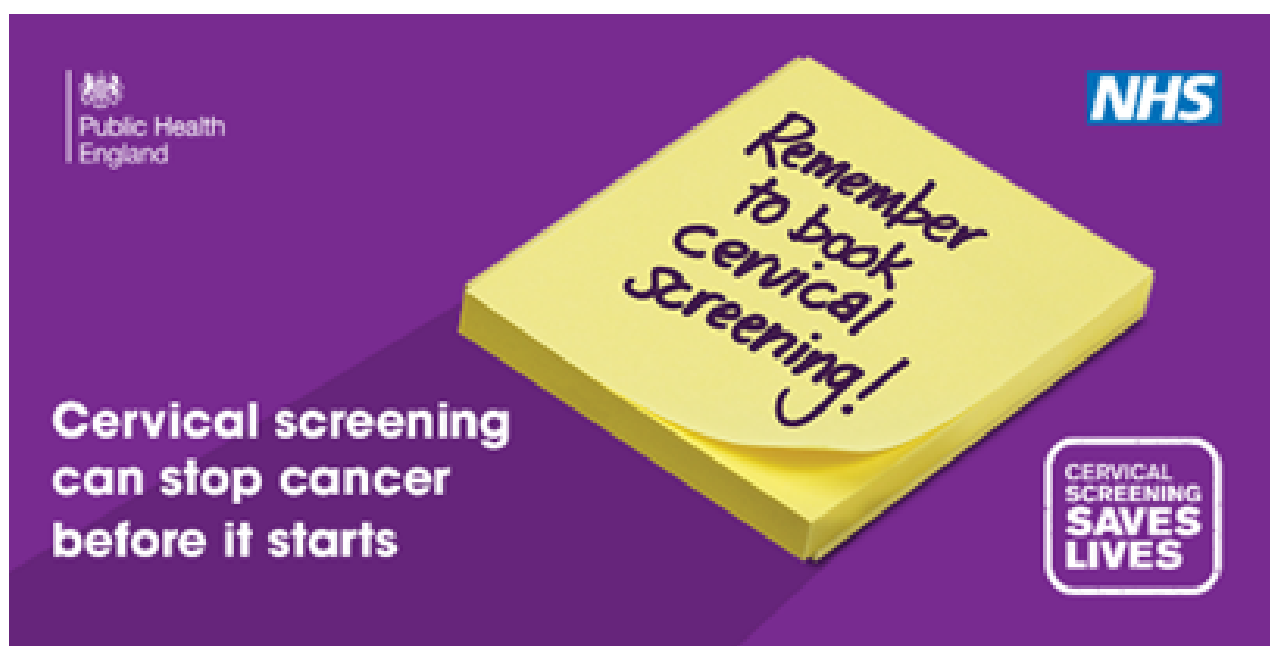
During an annual appraisal, T expressed she has not accessed her cervical screening test which her GP surgery has sent her reminders for. T's long term Shared Lives Carer has supported her to have open conversations about what this is and what would happen at her appointment. T asked the scheme to support her in finding this information in a format she can understand (Easy Read) so she can have time to look at it and process the information in her own time.

The Shared Lives team sourced different easy read materials for cervical screening examinations and shared this with T. T discussed with the Shared Lives worker she was worried about what happened next and there was no information about this. The worker sourced additional information focusing on results and what happens after the cervical screening appointment and shared this with T.



T had conversations with her long-term Shared Lives Carer about arranging and attending the appointment. In February 2025, T attended her first cervical screening appointment and was supported by her Shared Lives Carer to do so.

T said it was a little embarrassing, but it was okay. T said she now understands why it is so important to have the screening done as a lady in her twenties. T is likely to continue to access her cervical screening every three years now she has been supported to understand and access her first one.



**The Sandwell Shared Lives team continues to advocate for individuals with a learning disability to have easy read materials, reasonable adjustments etc., to support them in accessing health screenings when necessary**