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Dear Patient,

## **HPV Catch-up Vaccination**

The Human Papillomavirus (HPV) is a virus that increases the risk of getting some cancers later in life such as cervical cancer, some mouth and throat cancers as well as some cancers of the anus and genital areas. The virus is very common and lives on the skin in the genital area.

There is no specific treatment for the HPV virus so having the vaccine before becoming sexually active is the best way to protect against the 9 strains of HPV virus, reducing the risk of you getting HPV related cancers and genital warts in the future.

The vaccine is given by injection in the upper arm. As with most other vaccinations, the side effects of the HPV vaccination are mild; however, soreness, swelling and redness in the arm are common but wear off in a couple of days. More serious side effects are very rare.

If you are eligible for this vaccine, we are inviting you to make an appointment in our one-off catchup clinic on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025** at Endless Street Surgery for patients aged 18 - 24 who missed having their vaccine at school.

You will shortly receive an invitation appointment link sent via SMS or email. If you have not provided us with a verified mobile number or email address you may not receive an invite.

If you are unable to make an appointment through the methods above, please contact the surgery on 01722 336441 and speak to someone on our designated vaccination line.

For more information about the HPV symptoms and prevention please visit <a href="http://www.gov.uk/government/news/young-people-urged-to-catch-up-on-missed-hpv-vaccines">www.gov.uk/government/news/young-people-urged-to-catch-up-on-missed-hpv-vaccines</a>

Yours sincerely,

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