

Item 4(b)

Member Question: Cervical Screening

I ask the committee to note that cervical screening rates have dropped in Brighton and Hove to one of the lower rates in England, that is 64% of eligible women in 2021. The national average being closer to 70% and the government target being 80% of women.

I ask the chair if she is willing to bring a report to the next committee to allow HOSC to scrutinise cervical screening services in the city. I also ask her to consider including other gender related screening programmes such as breast screening if rates are similarly poor. I would particularly ask that this report includes public health awareness and education programmes, and the accessibility and suitability of the programme to hard to reach and minority groups.

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