

Clannad Medical Centre - Cervical Smears Notice – 30th April 2018

The recent controversy around the misdiagnosis of women who receive cervical smears has been very disquieting to us, and we are sure for a lot of our patients has been very unsettling and worrying. The government have made initial noises that they will allow any woman who wishes to be retested to do so and that they will cover this cost. As of today 30th April 2018, no mechanism has been put in place for this. We would encourage all affected women to wait until this mechanism is put in place before requesting a repeat cervical smear. Currently we are not allowed to do any smears prior to the date of recall. They can be done at this time but will all be done privately and would be sent out to private laboratories in this country. As this would be a significant cost we would encourage everyone to wait until the government introduces definite measures to allow for this to happen.

We will reassure women who particularly have never had any abnormalities on their smears that they are extremely unlikely to be affected by this matter.

We would encourage anyone affected by this to contact the government helpline on 1 800 45 4555.

We will keep you posted on any new developments.

The doctors on behalf of Clannad Medical Centre