

Update Courses In Gynaecological Cytology

**One / Two Day Update Specifically for
Checkers & Experienced BMS staff**

Course Ref: GY-CHEC-0726

6th & 7th July 2026

Wakefield

**Further information and application forms for any of our courses are available
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One - Day Updates specifically for Checkers & Experienced BMS staff

A one or two day course aimed specifically at those intending to, or already acting as Checkers, but also of value to all experienced staff.

Day one will concentrate on challenging cases with chance to assess the role of a checker and to investigate the types of change that can lead to overcall. There will be sessions on HPV testing, including self-sampling and a look forward into the future to possible developments and hurdles for the programme.

Day two will concentrate on basic histopathology, covering CIN, CGIN and cancer and more difficult areas through lecture, workshop and multiheader session. There will also be a session dedicated to incidents and incident management.

The course is intended to run over two days, but both days can be booked separately if preferred.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the session participants should:

- Be aware of the role of the checker in the NHSCSP
- Be better able to identify cases which can be called negative and those which require further review
- Have an awareness of opportunities and threats of new technologies
- Be aware of future potential for self-sampling
- Be aware of the value and risks of AI in cervical cytology
- Be aware of issues and concerns in primary care/ sample taking
- Understand the correlation between histology and cytology

Faculty

Mrs Sally Griffiths	Practice Nurse, Cervical Sample Taker Initial Training Course Facilitator, NEPSEC
Gary Player	Consultant BMS in Histology (FGT) and Cervical Cytology QE Hospital, Gateshead
Mr P Heptinstall	Consultant BMS and NEPSEC Training Centre Manager

COURSE PROGRAMME

Day One – Monday 6th July 2026

8.45 am	Coffee, registration & learning objectives	
9.00 am	What we know about: Issues in primary care	Sally Griffiths
10.00 am	Break	
10.15 am	Checkers workshop.	
12.45 pm	Lunch	
1.30 pm	Workshop review	P. Heptinstall
3.00 pm	Break	
3.15 pm	Pitfalls and problems within cervical cytology	P. Heptinstall
4.30 pm	Finish	

Day Two – Tuesday 7th July 2026

8.45 am	Coffee, Registration & Assessment of learning outcomes	
9.00 am	Developments in cervical screening	P Heptinstall
10.00 am	Histology/Cytology correlation workshop	Dr C Cavallo
<i>12.00 am</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	
12.30 pm	Histology/Cytology correlation workshop	Dr C Cavallo
<i>3.00 pm</i>	<i>Coffee</i>	
3.15 pm	Multihead review of workshop	Dr C Cavallo
4.45 pm	Learning outcomes	
5.00 pm	Finish	

Venue: Wakefield

NEPSEC

3, Silkwood Business Park

Fryers Way

Wakefield

WF5 9TJ

Directions can be downloaded here: - <https://www.nepsec.org.uk/locations/>

There are a number of hotels within easy walking distance or a short drive at most.

Cost

The cost is £15.00 per day for NHS participants within the North-West, East Midlands and North-East, Yorkshire and Humber. For those outside our catchment area the cost is £120 per day or £200 for both days. These fees include lunch, tea and coffee

Further Information

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