

# Mentor Dilemma



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Cervical Screening Mentor  
Update



# Resources and Time

Clinician was not given enough time to call in patients. When the patients appointments were arranged some were subsequently cancelled as the nurse was required to cover for the Doctor.



# Action to avoid in the future

- Better organisation within the practice
- Planning in advance and sticking to the plan
- Protected time for the student and mentor to complete the mentoring



# Student taking long time to complete the supervised practice

- Difficulty arose in Family Planning service due not having a designated clinic for sample taking
- Supervised Practice took months to complete



# Action to avoid in the future

- Consider using another service or GP setting if appropriate
- Liaise with Training lead at PCT
- Be willing to share mentorship if this is a problem
- Aim to have supervised samples completed within a set amount of time i.e. 3 months



# A left handed Student

- You have a nurse trainee for cytology training. She is left handed and is struggling to take a sample from the left side of the couch. Her own room is set up so she can do all procedures from the right side of the couch. How do you adapt your teaching to meet her needs and what important facts must be conveyed.



# Action

- Either practise with her on pelvic model till she is confident from the left side
- Or from the right side mirror every thing you do
  - The broom must always rotate clockwise (left-handers may be tempted to turn anti-clockwise)
- Consider how the room may be adapted to assist both the student, patient and mentor