

Key Asks for General Election 2020

The 221+ Cervical Check Patient Support Group provides information, advice and support to those women and family members who have been negatively impacted by CervicalCheck failures, and acts as a collective voice for our members' concerns. This General Election, we are asking all election candidates and Political Parties to commit to the following three actions if elected:

1. Implement all of the recommendations made in the Scally, MacCraith, and RCOG Reports, with oversight from the CervicalCheck Steering Committee.

Now is the time to make ALL of the changes necessary to ensure women in Ireland will receive the highest possible standard of screening for cervical cancer from their national screening programme, and to complete the positive changes to women's healthcare that Irish women expect and deserve

2. Invest in Specialist After-care Clinics for women who are living with the life long after effects of gynaecological cancers.

The supports currently available to survivors of gynaecological cancers are woefully insufficient. These women, and their families, desperately need post treatment care and support services delivered through specialist aftercare clinics that are overseen by the HSE.

2. Ensure that the proposed Assisted Human Reproduction Legislation is amended in line with the recommendations made by the Joint Committee on Health, giving particular attention to the inclusion of international surrogacy that meets the relevant criteria and standards, and changing the designation of a surrogate as the legal mother of a child born via surrogacy

For many 221+ members, surrogacy is now the only option they have to start or grow their family. Cancer treatments commonly cause infertility. We urgently need robust regulation in this area to provide the necessary protections to all parties involved in the Assisted Human Reproduction process.

