

REDUCING INEQUALITIES IN CANCER SCREENING FOR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES



Welcome

Welcome to the Cancer Screening and Learning Disabilities Project update.

The project aims to improve the offer and access to the three cancer screening programmes for people with a learning disabilities.

Through this update we aim to keep you informed of what we are doing and our future hopes and plans.

We would also like to share good practice and ideas that you may have in improving services.

Primary Care Training

On the 8th December we completed our second Primary care cancer screening learning disabilities training day. The day was a great success with the audience learning from our speakers and sharing experiences and ideas with each other. Links were made between GP practice staff, screening centres, learning disabilities teams and public health, hopefully this will lead to more collaborative working and sharing of ideas.

The final training day for primary care is **Stoneybeck Inn, Penrith. 4th February 2016. 9:30 - 4pm** The training will help understanding of; the screening programmes, difficulties facing individuals with learning disabilities and solutions we can put in place to enable and offer support.

For more information or to book a place please email: kirsty.bell2@nhs.uk

Making reasonable adjustments to cancer screening

The Update report by Public Health England, '[Making reasonable adjustments in cancer screening](#)' is now available. The report gives a range of examples of best practice and reasonable adjustments that can effectively support individuals with learning disabilities in understanding the offer and making choices about accessing cancer screening.



Easy read breast screening review

The cancer screening learning disabilities project is working in partnership with Inclusion North and the Newcastle Breast Screening Programme to review a range of breast screening literature to support women being invited for breast screening including; easy read letters for invite and results, information booklets and online resources to support informed choice . We are currently looking for women with a learning disability, families and carers who would like to help with this work.

Our next meeting is 13th January 2016 in Newcastle.

To find out more information contact: Kirsty Morgan, Inclusion North,
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Cervical Awareness

Cervical Cancer awareness week is in January, this is an excellent opportunity to raise awareness and increase understanding of the screening programme. There are a range of materials available at [Jo's Trust](#) including their learning disabilities booklet and video.



Cervical cancer can be prevented.

24-30 January 2016
Cervical Cancer Prevention Week
#CCPW

Health Professional Engagement Facilitators



Cancer Research UK has launched a new initiative in the North East and Cumbria aimed at improving cancer outcomes by engaging and supporting; primary care, pharmacy, public health and dentistry.

The Health Professional Engagement Facilitator Programme is a partnership with the NHS and involves providing face-to-face, tailored support to GP Practices and other health professionals to help improve cancer prevention, symptom awareness and cancer screening in support of the earlier diagnosis and better patient outcomes.

The team are: Fiona McQuiston, Team Manager (Newcastle, North Tyneside), Sarah Kucukmetin (South of Tyne), Debra Daghish (Northumberland and North Tyneside), Sharon Smith (County Durham and Darlington), John Gorman (Cumbria) and Angela Atkinson (Teesside).

More details can be found at:

<http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/health-professional/early-diagnosis-activities>

If you'd like to find out more information on how the Health Professional Engagement Facilitators can support your work enhancing early diagnosis of cancer, please contact Fiona at:

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If you have any questions about the project, thoughts or examples of good practice please get in touch

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