

**REDUCING INEQUALITIES  
IN CANCER  
FOR PEOPLE WITH  
LEARNING DISABILITIES**



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CANCER SUPPORT**

## Welcome

Welcome to the March 2017 edition of the newsletter. We are flying into spring with lots of exciting projects.

Our work programme focuses on; education and training, communications, information and support and national issues, with specific projects in each of these themed areas.

In this newsletter we focus on the cervical screening support pack and a back page focus on bowel.

### Cervical screening support pack

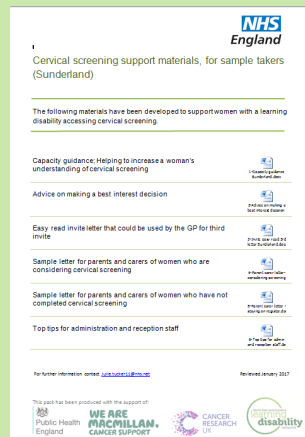
After a lot of work we have now updated our cervical screening support pack. The pack is aimed to help sample takers in supporting women with learning disabilities access cervical screening.

We have created packs specific to each area within the North East and Cumbria with contact details for the IMCA service and community learning disability teams.

If you would like a pack emailing, please let me know which area you need:

Cumbria	Durham	Gateshead
Newcastle	North Tees	North Tyneside
South Tees	Sunderland	South Tyneside

Northumberland  
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Thank you to all our partners involved in this project and the Cornwall Screening liaison nurses for sharing their work.

### Be Cervix Savvy

Jo's Trust Cervix Savvy roadshow rolls into Newcastle, Grainger Street on 3rd and 4th April then crosses the water to Gateshead on 6th and 7th at Trinity Square.

For more information check: <https://www.jostrust.org.uk/roadshow>



## Focus on your bowels

Don't forget April is  
bowel cancer  
awareness month

### Good bowel health and screening

#### Training and recourses

Following the successful Train the Trainers Good bowel health and screening courses we now have over 60 trainers in the North East and Cumbria. In partnership with bowel cancer UK we have now produced a support pack to support trainers. The pack offers a booklet designed for carers and families and two easy read booklets aimed at supporting people with learning disabilities making informed choices on screening.

For more information follow the link and scroll down the page:

<https://www.bowelcanceruk.org.uk/for-health-professionals/our-training-and-education/>



### Bowel flagging work

Following the success of our bowel screening flagging work in [South Tyneside](#) we shall be rolling out the project in Gateshead starting from the beginning of April and soon after in North Tyneside and Northumberland. We have also started our discussions in Cumbria and are hoping to roll out here in the summer. Thank you to everyone involved.

### Improving easy read materials

Thank you to Terri, Sheila, Kirsty and Julie who joined me (Julie) in Bristol for the Public Health England Screening and Immunisations easy read workshop.

We spent the day focusing on the new Bowel Scope easy read booklet and Abdominal Aortic Aneurism (AAA) screening booklets. It was great to hear the opinions of all our experts in the room.

This is step one in developing the new materials supporting bowel scope and AAA screening, producing accessible easy read materials supporting informed choice in screening.



If you have any questions about the project, thoughts or examples of good practice please get in touch with **Julie Tucker** on e: [julie.tucker11@nhs.net](mailto:julie.tucker11@nhs.net), m: **0786 0177 981** or t: **0113 8249 693** and [@neclidnetwork](#)