

REDUCING INEQUALITIES  
IN CANCER  
FOR PEOPLE WITH  
LEARNING DISABILITIES



North East and Cumbria  
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## Welcome

Welcome to the May 2017 edition of the newsletter. This time we are using our update to help gain information to support future developments.

We are keen for your feedback and comments regarding the Macmillan easy read materials and do people with learning disabilities diagnosed with cancer access support services.

Also please take a look at the web link for the cervical screening support materials.



### Cervical screening support pack now available online.

Check out the Cervical Screening with Learning Disability – Support Materials for Sample Takers at:

<http://www.necn.nhs.uk/networks/cancer-network/supporting-primary-care/>



### Do people with learning disabilities diagnosed with cancer assess support services?

As part of our work programme we are trying to understand what support services people diagnosed with cancer who have a learning disability access.

There is lots of support out there from information and advice on debt, healthy eating, exercise through to support groups that focus on specific conditions

If you have any examples of supporting a person with a learning disability to access services, for example Macmillan information centres, specific support groups etc. please let me know.

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### Macmillan easy read materials review

The Macmillan Cancer Information Development team have a range of accessible cancer information, including easy read - <https://be.macmillan.org.uk/be/s-428-easy-read-titles.aspx>



They are currently gathering feedback on the booklets, to see if they are having the desired impact.

If you have used the materials please complete the attached [feedback form](#). If you have worked with people with a learning disability who would like to give feedback that would be helpful.

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