Welcome

Welcome to the November edition of the newsletter we have lots to update you on including the developments of our project and examples of great practice from other projects. We hope you will find the information both informative and inspiring.

The future of the project

Back in the summer, the funding for the cancer screening project from the ACE fund finished. This left us with some unfinished business and a desire to grow the project to offer more opportunities for people with learning disabilities to have equal access to services. We have been very lucky and Macmillan cancer support have come on board to fund the project for a further two years. Along with this funding we are looking to expand our role to look at the full cancer pathways for breast, bowel and cervical cancer. This will enable us to continue to develop under our four themes of;

- Education and training
- Information and support
- Communication
- National issues

Supporting people with learning disabilities through flagging within the bowel cancer screening programme

Check out the evaluation of this project, click on the title page to get the full report.
Cervical screening, Behavioural Insights work
Have a look at the trial on cervical screening completed by the Department of Health behavioural insight team. The work is not specifically aimed at people with learning disabilities, but the simplified letters are very interesting.

Breast screening for women with learning disabilities, Public Health England
This briefing sheet gives information on: facts and figures, barriers and reasonable adjustments.

Breast screening DVD—Middlesbrough moving forward have produced an excellent video about breast screening. Check it out.

In partnership with Bowel Cancer UK we have now delivered four train the trainer programmes to over 60 participants. Trainers are now delivering training on good bowel health and bowel screening to; people with a learning disability, families, carers and health professionals across the North East and Cumbria.

Congratulations to all our trainers!

Bowel scope DVD
The bowel scope dvd, produced by a range of organisations in Leicestershire and Lincolnshire, is available on the NHS England YouTube website. It has been designed to support people with a learning disability understanding and making a choice about bowel scope screening and is divided into seven bite size sections.

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6IqMACXkj069Dsgg2o8VS67m7aTjYFO

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