IMPROVING SUPPORT FOR ELIGIBLE WOMEN WITH A LEARNING DISABILITY ATTENDING FOR BREAST SCREENING

Rationale for Project: Women with a learning disability are less likely to attend breast screening appointments than women without a learning disability. The project aims are to achieve the following:

• Improve communication and access for eligible women with learning disabilities
• Ensure staff at the Bolton, Bury & Rochdale Breast Screening team have a better understanding of the needs of LD patients
• Establish a better communication pathway with professionals outside our organization
• Reduce health inequalities and improve health outcomes

What we plan to do:

• All letters & information sent to women with a Learning Disability will be in Easy Read Format
• Update our website to include a LD film showing the breast screening process
• Link to film and information to be sent to eligible women via GP Practices when they are due their breast screening appointments
• Easy read signs in the waiting area
• Visits to be organized before appointments on request
• Cancer Screening Improvement Lead can meet women at the unit prior to their appointments
• Training sessions organized for public health staff
• Cancer Screening Improvement Lead will work with women with LD to make future improvements to the breast screening pathway
• Better links to be developed with community LD teams and organisations who support women with a learning disability

The project will be reviewed in April 2022

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