Attitudes and opinions of women with a learning disability, family carers and paid care workers towards cervical and breast cancer screening

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By the end of the session you will be;

- Aware of current research being conducted with people with a learning disability.
- Understand the results of a systematic review of published literature looking at the attitudes and opinions of people with a learning disability, family cares and paid care workers towards cancer screening programmes

We will have;

- Discussed the results and how they relate to practice
Discussion point 1:

Whose responsibility is it to aid people with a learning disability attend cancer screening?
Prior preparation

Making decisions in the best interest of the women

Creating a positive and encouraging environment for screening

Synthesised finding 1: Supporting women with a learning disability to attend screening

Women lacking understanding and awareness of screening

Synthesised finding 2: Psychophysical factors of women with a learning disability towards screening

Feelings of anxiety and fear before and during screening

Experiences of pain during and after screening
Synthesised finding 3: Professional practice barriers and poor understanding of the needs of women with a learning disability

- Importance of multidisciplinary working to ensure health of women with a learning disability

Synthesised finding 4: Methods and approaches to improve the potential uptake of cervical and breast cancer screening

- The need for additional materials within the screening process
- The need for more education for all.
Discussion point 2:
What do you think about the results?
Discussion point 3:
Do the results fit with your experiences?
Discussion point 4: How do we priorities the findings?