



Smear Presentation
Good Health Group
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What's this about?



We've been working with NHS England, Public Health and Kent Community Health Trust

I have been acting as a co-production lead on some work to make SMEAR tests better

I want to know what you think about the work we've been doing

What is co-production?



Co-production is an equal relationship between people who use services and the people responsible for services

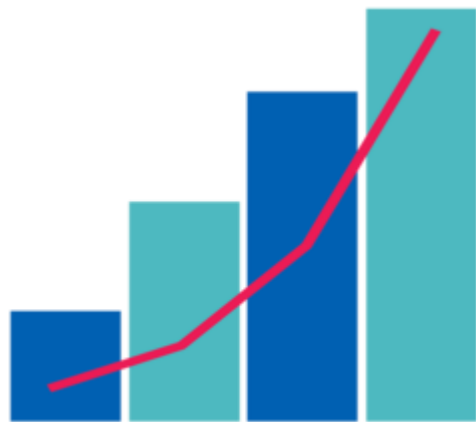


We work together, from design to delivery, sharing strategic decision-making about policies as well as decisions about the best way to deliver services

Here's a video we can watch if you like

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kEgsJXLo7M8&feature=youtu.be>

Why this work is happening - the numbers



In Kent and Medway 32% of women with learning disabilities have a SMEAR test

But 76% women without learning disabilities have a SMEAR test

This is called **inequality**



<https://phescreening.blog.gov.uk/2019/04/15/weve-updated-our-easy-read-guide-to-cervical-screening/>

What is a SMEAR Test?



Lets talk about this picture

- It's a test that women have to check for cancer
- It's also called a Cervical Screen
- You are invited when you turn 25
- It can be uncomfortable, but it can save lives

Stuff that's already happened



Public Health
England



Public Health England have been working with people with learning disabilities to **coproduce** their new guidance

<https://phescreeing.blog.gov.uk/2019/04/15/weve-updated-our-easy-read-guide-to-cervical-screening/>



We think we can do it in Kent too and address that **inequality**

How it started



Xan asked me to come to a professional meeting called a Steering Group to tell them what I thought of their plan to make SMEAR tests better for women with learning disabilities

Tell 'em what you said Sam!



- Your experience
- What words they used
- How people are invited

What have I done so far?



I sit on the Steering Group as an expert by experience

I am part of the Focus Group

- We are working with GP Staff so they know what to say to people with learning disabilities

What next?



We are about to work on the questions to ask women about their experience

- This will help us all know if it is better - and fix it if it's not

We are hoping to develop (and deliver) the training for GP Staff

- so that the professionals learn from us!

Workshop slide

We would like your help...

What do you think about how we are working

- What do you think about co-production

Is there anything else you think we could do?

- For SMEAR - to make it better?





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Do you have any questions?