

## **Cancer Screening for people with Learning Disabilities-**

Reasonable adjustments and Support which should be considered:

- Easy-read/Accessible information re. the screening programme.
- Accessible invitation letter.
- Longer appointment times.
- Appointments first thing in a morning, during quiet times in the surgery or at the end of clinic.
- Preliminary visits to build knowledge/confidence in the process and build relationship/trust with the person undertaking the screening.
- Preparatory work with the individual to build knowledge/confidence in the process.
- Alternative methods of communication incl. easy-read information, phone-calls, face to face discussions during other appointments such as the Annual Health Check.
- Remind people about their screening appointment the day before they are due to attend.
- Consider whether the physical environment is appropriate. Do you need a hoist? Can the cervical screening be undertaken at the woman's home?
- Possible referral to Chesterfield Royal Hospital/Royal Derby Hospital's Women's Health Unit if specialist equipment such as tilting couch/hoist is required. If this is done, please ensure that you notify the department that the woman has a learning disability on the referral and any reasonable adjustments that she requires to ensure that these are carried out.
- Consider a referral to the individual's local Community Learning Disability Team for extra support to understand and make an informed decision whether to attend the screening.
- Staff should have an awareness and understanding of the needs of people with Learning Disabilities.