Barriers and enablers for seldom heard population deciding to attend, and complete, breast screening.



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Background



- It is well documented that women with ID are less likely to go to breast screening, compared to women without ID.
- There is a similar trend for others (people with SMI; people who are LGBTQIA+; people experiencing homelessness)
- Follows on from my PhD research and a funded study looking at ID and SMI.
- Aim to explore the common barriers across seven seldom heard population, to make recommendations for a Universal Design to screening.
- Unsuccessful bid to Breast Cancer Now
- Resubmitting for internal funding.to complete the initial phases

Proposal



- Systematic review
  - 1) People with physical disabilities; 2) People with learning disabilities; 3) People with severe mental illness; 4) People in secure settings; 5) Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) people; 6) People of no fixed address; 7) People from Gypsy and Traveller communities
  - Barriers and facilitators
  - Any interventions that seem to help
- Workshops
  - 4 workshops – invite people from above groups to workshop in 4 areas across North East and North Cumbria.
  - Representatives from above groups. Aged 47+.
  - Accessible task in workshops
  - Review results from the systematic review
  - Co-design recommendations that ease/remove the barriers.
  - Co-produce a research study using the recommendations
- Due 1st October. Completed by June 2026.

Questions

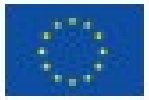


- Workshops questions:
  1. Run 7 workshop (1 for each population) OR run 3-4 based on the areas within the North East and invite representatives from each group to that
  2. I want to co-produce the future research study. But not sure how to based on time. Could I ask populations to discuss research method do/donts or do I plan a separate workshop with representatives from each group?
- Anything else I need to consider?



Thank you for listening and for your feedback!





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