



POLISH CERVICAL SCREENING WALK-IN CLINIC

BASSETLAW CANCER ALLIANCE AND NEWGATE PCN

PILOT DEDICATED POLISH CERVICAL SCREENING CLINIC HELD BY NEWGATE PCN - A SINGLE PRACTICE PCN



HELD ON A SATURDAY MORNING



WALK-IN - NO PRE-BOOKED APPOINTMENT NEEDED



NURSE, CANCER CARE COORDINATORS AND POLISH TRANSLATOR PRESENT



ADVERTISED VIA ACCURX TEXT IN POLISH SENT FROM PRACTICE, POSTERS IN POLISH SHOPS, 'WORD OF MOUTH', FACEBOOK POSTS IN POLISH ON GP PRACTICE AND LOCAL POLISH COMMUNITY FACEBOOK PAGES,

IDENTIFYING THE NEED



HIGH PREVALENCE OF POLISH PATIENTS IN PCN

8% of 30,500 practice population Polish. Known historically low rates of cervical screening in this group



BARRIERS TO SCREENING

- Language
- Lack of understanding about HPV and cervical screening
- Appointment access issues



POLISH CONTEXT

- Low coverage of quality controlled, regulated cervical screening in Poland
- HPV vaccine not routinely offered in Poland
- Increased risk of inequity due to the above

SERVICE DEVELOPMENT

Clinic idea developed following brainstorming session with nurse, cancer care co-ordinators and Polish person from the Bassetlaw Community and Volunteering Service (BCVS).

Clinic provided as extra service in addition to extended access as 'proof of concept'

FUTURE ASPIRATIONS

- 1) Offer clinic regularly - resources need to be considered as not within extended access if not pre-booked and staff needed
- 2) Apply same concept to immunisations and other health checks
- 3) Forge greater links with BCVS to integrate with Polish community and provide health education/Q&A sessions

20 attended
age 25-64
16 eligible for screening

5 patients never been screened before (age 25-52)

56% negative result
31% high risk (HR) HPV
12% HR HPV + cell changes

Overall 40% had an abnormality although group size small

CLINIC IMPACT



KEY LEARNING POINTS

1

Dedicated clinic made attendees feel safer and led to other health concern disclosures

2

Reaching out in native language motivated attendance

3

Translator, clinic timing and no need for appt vital to reduce barriers

4

Importance of co-production and community engagement

5

Post screening letters sent to encourage future attendance and sharing of experience