

Dear Colleague

My name is Dáša Farmer and I am writing in relation to a project which you may have been made aware of by colleagues in the Environmental Health Team.

The project looks at uptake of and views on the cervical screening programme (smear test). It specifically focusses on Eastern European people who are now living in the UK. We want to better understand what works and what could be improved in relation to access and experiences of cervical screening for these people.

Please could you help to reach your workforce by sharing a survey and asking people to participate in one to one or group discussions. The background to the project is below.

### **What is this project about?**

The project is part of a fellowship programme which is run by the West Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership. Each fellow chooses a project to conduct which contributes to tackling health inequalities across West Yorkshire. My project aims to identify barriers to and good practice around access to cervical screening among the Eastern European population. Through listening to people, I hope to find opportunities to make improvements.

### **Why are you being contacted?**

We know that you employ staff from Eastern European countries. As such, we would appreciate if you could promote this opportunity with your staff so that they can help us to make improvements to the cervical screening programme. By taking part in this study, you are helping to protect the health of your workforce.

### **What would the ask be of your workforce?**

We want to hear people's views on cervical cancer screening. There are different ways in which people can take part – via a survey, one to one conversations and group discussions. The survey [preview link] includes important questions about the current screening programme and helps us to gather contact details from those willing to take part in a conversation or group discussion.

### **What supporting materials are there?**

All information (translated) would be provided and can be tailored to suit your needs. This includes:

- Poster
- Graphics for display screens
- Materials for notice board
- Text for newsletters

The survey can be made available in a hard copy and we can collect completed surveys from your premises.

**What is the role of the business?**

I would be grateful if you could please promote this project among your workforce. I would love to have the opportunity to have conversations with your workforce, please let me know when this is convenient. Also, thoughts and views from your health and wellbeing staff would be much appreciated.

**Who would be involved in this project?**

I am the person of contact and will be running the conversations and providing information to your employees.

**What will happen with the feedback from people taking part?**

The feedback we gather is anonymous and won't be linked to individuals or where they work. It will form part of a report which will outline what has been done and what the key themes from the feedback is. This will help to inform local work and also be shared with the West Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership as part of the fellowship programme.

**What next?**

If you are able to support this project in any way, please let me know at [dasa.farmer1@nhs.net](mailto:dasa.farmer1@nhs.net)