**Cervical Screening Decisions**

**Info for carers, care workers, family, practice nurses and Community learning disability nurses**

In order to ensure someone has capacity to understand what they are refusing / agreeing to with cervical screening a capacity assessment should be made.

**To check mental capacity - Think CURB**

* **Communicate** the risks and benefits
* Check they **Understand** the process and what the risks are to their health if they don’t have it
* Check they can **Balance** this decision and weigh up the full implication of the risks of the decision they have made
* Follow up by checking on another day that they have **Retained** this info

**Who Does What?**

* The ground work for this can be done over time by people who support the person, using the easyread material [mentioned below]
* The practice nurse will need to establish that the person has the capacity to refuse or accept the process. Carers should not refuse on behalf of the patient without a capacity assessment and best interest decision.
* The Community Learning Disability nurses can support the capacity process and best interest decision by using the model [mentoned below] to enable understanding of the process.

**Tools Available**

1. The Community Learning Disability Nurses have a Cervical screening Model which enables understanding of both what will happen and what this risks are [as it has healthy and cancerous cervix options]
2. The CLDN’s have easyread material to teach the facts

<http://be.macmillan.org.uk/Downloads/CancerInformation/Easyread/MAC16302Cervical-screening.pdf>

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