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PHE Screening Inequalities Conference

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Firstly, thank you

The coronavirus pandemic has been exceptionally challenging for you all. Thank you to everyone involved in providing screening services, health and social care and education in England and for your ongoing efforts to restore services safely, effectively and equitably.

Thank you for your:

- professionalism
- dedication
- hard work
- enthusiasm
- teamwork

Feel free to dip in and out

We're delighted so many of you have been able to join us today as we are acutely aware how busy you are.

Today's live event is being recorded, so don't worry if you can only make part of it and need to drop in and out. The recording will be available on the conference website www.phe-events.org.uk/sic21 for 180 days. We'll also upload the presentations as soon as possible, so keep checking the website in the coming days.

We have enabled captions (subtitles) for this MS Teams event if you would like to turn them on.

Inequalities more important than ever

It's more important now than ever to focus on reducing inequalities because COVID-19 has replicated, and in some cases increased, existing health inequalities.

This provides opportunities to move the agenda on and embed real change.

Who experiences screening inequalities?



Aims of the day

Share information, learning and resources aimed at reducing screening inequalities for people with learning disabilities.

Maintain and build on this momentum and your enthusiasm to tackle inequalities.

Get involved with your questions, comments and ideas for our next steps and priorities.

Encourage collaboration and joint working. We can only cover a tiny part of the issue and will share some good practice but there is lots more out there. I hope today will stimulate lots of new groups, ideas, plans and most important actions. Please share!

PHE's national role

Our national role, outlined in the PHE Screening Inequalities Strategy, is to:

- provide leadership and strategic direction to tackle inequalities in screening
- provide those responsible for the delivery and commissioning of screening services with the evidence and tools they need

Please get involved

We're sorry we can't see you in person today but we value your feedback, so please get involved!

Use the Q&A function for your comments and questions and press the 'like' button so we know which issues are most important to you. We'll also use Menti software to ask for your views.

We'll put as many of your questions as possible to presenters at the end of the morning and afternoon sessions.

We hope you can all take useful actions from today's conference to help reduce inequalities.