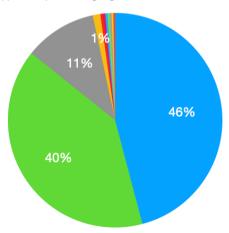
# Improving access to cervical screening for polish patients in Trowbridge

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### **Background data**

- Unknown
- 🏮 (XaG5t) Main spoken language English, (Xa6ev) English language
- (XaG61) Main spoken language Polish, (Xa6fU) Polish language
- O (XaP49) Main spoken language Romanian, (Xa6fF) Rumanian language
- (XaG66) Main spoken language Spanish
- (XaG5g) Main spoken language Bengali
- 🔵 (XaJDP) Main spoken language Lithuanian, (Xa6ed) Lithuanian language
- (XaJDR) Main spoken language Ukrainian
- (Xa6IB) Chinese language
- (Xa6lx) Hungarian language
- (XaG5p) Main spoken language Arabic



#### Identified a local need:

#### Target group = polish patients

- → Locally identified Core20 'PLUS' group (minority group, routine manual workers)
- → 7th highest mortality rate from cervical cancer in Europe
- → Poor uptake of polish national cervical screening programme
- → Poor uptake of HPV vaccine in Poland

# Next steps



ARE YOU OVERDUE A CERVICAL SCREENING (SMEAR) TEST?

Powinnaś wykonać zaległe badanie przesiewowe w kierunku raka szyjki macicy (badanie cytologiczne)?

# ARE YOU A POLISH SPEAKER? Mówisz po polsku?

#### We can support you by:

- Booking an appointment in a clinic with an interpreter available
- Providing translated information
- Speak to reception for more information or to book an appointment

#### Zapewniamy wsparcie poprzez:

- umówienie wizyty w przychodni (z możliwością skorzystania z usług tłumaczki),
- dostarczenie przetłumaczonych informacji,
- Aby otrzymać więcej informacji lub umówić się na wizytę, zapytaj w rejestracji

We offer a FREE test as part of the UK cervical screening programme.

Oferujemy BEZPŁATNE
badanie w ramach
programu badań
przesiewowych w
kierunku raka szyjki
macicy w Wielkiej
Brytanii

## **Learning points**

#### Challenges...

- → DNAs
- → Hard to reach group
- → Language spoken and ethnicity not well recorded in patient registration
- → Patient details incorrect

#### Lessons so far...

- → Many women go back to Poland for smear tests
- → Shorter text invite gave better response rate
- → Shorter booking window improved attendance rate
- → A number of patients removed from practice list

#### Next steps...

- → Continue regular 2-3 monthly evening clinic
- → Explore other potential methods to contact patients eg. letters, community groups
- → Source translated resources for HPV +ve results
- → Consider clinic and text invite template for other disadvantaged patient groups to target further health inequalities

# Any questions?