**Carer (CAM) information Leaflet **

**Project Title: Cancer Awareness and Screening in Women with Intellectual Disabilities (ID)**

You are being invited to take part in a research project. Before you decide whether or not to take part, it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take the time to read the following information carefully.

**What is the purpose of the project?**

Waterford Institute of Technology/ HSE are carrying out research about breast and cervical cancer and screening awareness in women with ID in the South East. We would like to talk to the women and their carers about breast and cervical cancer and screening awareness. The results will be used to develop education programmes for the women and their carers to increase screening uptake for women with ID. This is intended to lead to the earlier diagnosis and treatment of cancer with better outcomes for the women.

**Why have I been invited to take part?**

You have been invited to take part because you are a family member or work with a woman with ID. We would like to know about your own breast and cervical cancer and screening awareness to help us to develop the health education programmes.

**Do I have to take part?**

It is up to you whether you decide to take part, taking part is voluntary.

**What would I have to do?**

You would not be required to take part in any medical tests. If you decide to take part, you would complete a questionnaire about breast and cervical cancer awareness and screening. The questionnaire should be returned in the envelope provided to the day centre office for collection by Ms. Mary Reidy. It would be best to complete the questionnaire without checking the internet or books for the answers as we are interested in your opinion.

If you have any questions about symptoms you have had or other questions about cancer after completing the questionnaire, please speak to your GP.

**Confidentiality**

The answers you give will be given a specific code and it will not be possible for you to be identified from your answers. All the information that is collected will be anonymous and kept strictly confidential and your name will never be used with this information.

**What happens to the information that is collected?**

The answers you give will be given a specific code and it will not be possible for you to be identified from your answers. This coded information will be sent to the UK Data Archive. The archive will help us to build an understanding of public knowledge about cancer so that we can develop ways to improve communications and services that aim to improve cancer outcomes. More information about the archive can be found here: <http://www.datarchive.ac.uk/Introduction.asp>

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**Thank you for taking the time to read this information sheet.**