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**Title: Bowel cancer screening and people with intellectual disability:
Working in co-production and establishing principles for good practice initiatives**

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Aim: to explore why people with intellectual disabilities (ID) do not access the UK bowel cancer screening programme and to establish principles of good practice.

We held a focus group to consult with six people with ID (4 men, 2 women), an advocate and two specialist nurses from a local hospital NHS Trust to explore the issues. Data was collected using flip charts and drawings, and thematically analyzed. **Results:** Whilst the primary aim of the co-production meeting was to learn from, persons with ID about accessing bowel cancer screening, reciprocal learning was evident. People had a thirst for knowledge around cancer generally and bowel cancer specifically, and whilst they had a number of professionals to address their health questions, they fully maximized this opportunity. Co-production can ensure that research is 'fit-for-purpose'. **Conclusions:** Co-production is the essence of developing good processes and can be the focus of research; it helped to identify barriers to bowel cancer screening and highlighted a number of principles of good practice.