



## Creating a faith-based intervention for Muslim women in Scotland to encourage uptake of cancer screening: A community participation project

### What is the study about?

There are three cancer screening programmes in Scotland: breast, bowel and cervical (smear test) screening. Muslim women use cancer screening only half as much as other women and this puts them at risk of finding cancer late and when treatments work less well. Our study aims to find ways to encourage Muslim women to use cancer screening and ultimately find cancer earlier, when treatments work better. We think that health information based on the beliefs of Islam can reduce barriers to cancer screening for Muslim women.

### Who are we looking for?

**We are looking for Muslim women aged 25 to 75 years who live in Scotland. Do you struggle with cancer screening, or do you know someone who does? Would you like to take part in an online meeting to learn more about cancer screening?**

### What do we want to do?

We want to meet online with a group of ten Muslim women to talk about cancer screening, what women find difficult about it, and how their faith can support women to use cancer screening programmes. A female religious scholar and a health professional will take part in the meeting to give their expertise. After one week, we would like to meet with the group again to talk about what they thought of the meeting and how we can improve it.

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