

Public Involvement in Research

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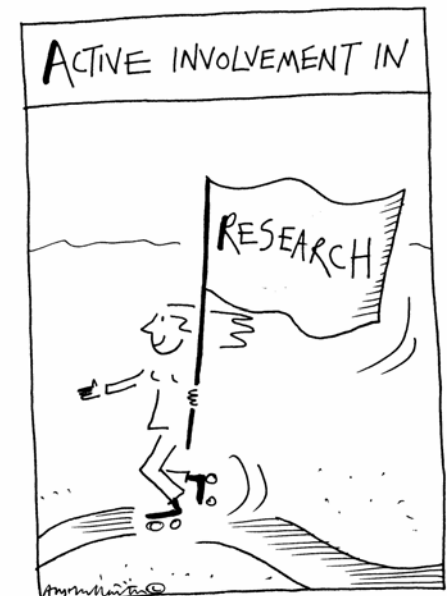
**National advisory group established
in 1996. Funded by the National
Institute for Health Research**

**Promoting active involvement
of the public in NHS, public health
and social care research**

We use the term ‘public’ to include patients, service users, carers, and representatives of people who use services

Research carried out ‘with’ or ‘by’ the public rather than ‘to’, ‘about’ or ‘for’

Involvement can take many forms from consultation and collaboration through to user controlled research



Why is public involvement in research important?



Why?

- **People should have a say in research that is potentially for their benefit**
- **It can improve the quality of the research:**
 - **Helps to improve the relevance of research to patients and carers**
 - **Helps to improve the quality of research design, methods and findings**
 - **Can assist in the dissemination and implementation of research**

What do we know about the difference public involvement makes ?

- **public involvement has been reported to help increase recruitment**
- **to be of particular value in clinical trials**
- **to be of value in qualitative research**

Prioritising research topics

- **Highlighting issues of importance to public**
- **Identifying outcome measures reflecting concerns of patients and the public**

Managing and undertaking research

- **Influencing research design and methods**
- **Improving information provided to participants**
- **Helping to increase participation in research (recruitment and retention)**

Dissemination and implementation of research

- **Disseminating findings in
accessible language and format**
- **Disseminating to wider audiences**
- **Encouraging the implementation
of findings**

Public Involvement and the NIHR

- **Best Research for Best Health (2006)**
- **Research Governance Framework (2001 & 2005)**
- **Requirement for evidence of involvement in funding applications**
- **Public involvement in review process e.g. peer review, commissioning boards**

Requirement for evidence of involvement in funding applications

- **Details of plans for involvement in grant applications**
- **Criteria for assessing applications**

Public involvement in commissioning process

- **Priority setting**
- **Lay review**
- **Commissioning boards / selection panels**

Talk with your neighbour...



- have you had experience of public involvement that you can share with them and have you successfully developed networks

or...

- If you have not had direct experience of public involvement, are you planning a project and have you further questions?

Help and support -

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- website (www.invo.org.uk)
- newsletter
- research project database
- publications
- enquiries
- building an evidence / knowledge base

Research Design Services

- public involvement leads
- remit to advise on public involvement