

Public involvement in research

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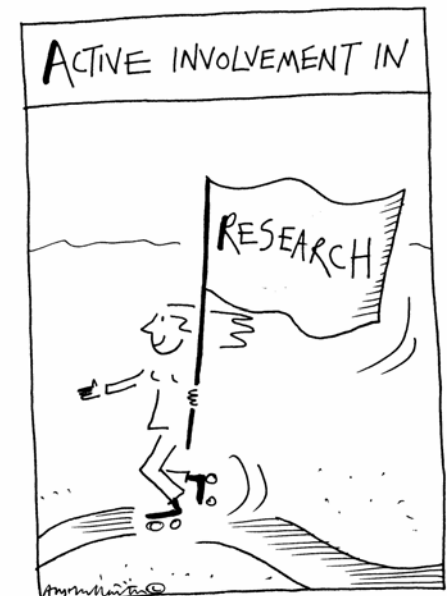
**National advisory group established
in 1996. Funded by The National
Institute for Health Research**

**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**

The Department of Health and the National Institute for Health Research support the importance of public involvement.

Public Involvement and the NIHR

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

Relevance of research

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

Quality of research

- **Influencing research 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



In twos or threes.....



- If you have experience of public involvement, what key advice would you give to others

or...

- If you have not had direct experience of public involvement, what are your top two or three questions about how to ensure successful involvement?

National Resources

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

NIHR Clinical Research Networks

- public involvement leads

Research Design Services

West Midlands Research Design Service

- Design and methods advice to RfPB applicants
- Access to materials on good practice
- Research Fellow in PPI (from Sept 2009)
 - Facilitate collaborative links between researchers and users
 - Establish Users' and Carers' Advisory Forum
 - Evaluate PPI process

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