

INVOLVE

Including the public in
health and social care
research

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WHO ARE WE?

We are a group that helps researchers and the public (people) to work together in health and social care research. Our group includes people who use services, carers, workers from voluntary organisations, health and social service managers and researchers. Researchers are people who are paid to find out information on different subjects.



We believe that when researchers and the public work together it leads to research that:



- is more important to people



- has a better chance of working



- helps to make health and social care services better.



Health research looks at how patients and carers use health services.



It also looks at different illnesses and how to keep healthy.



Social care research looks at how support is given to different groups of people around the country, including older people, children, and people with learning disabilities.

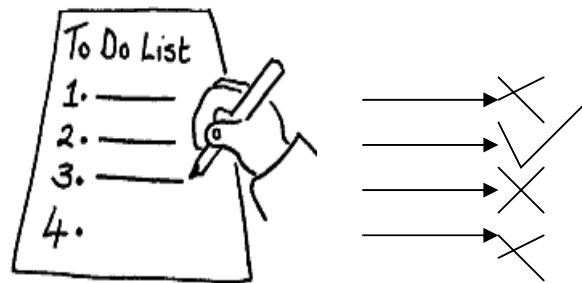


WHAT WE WANT TO DO

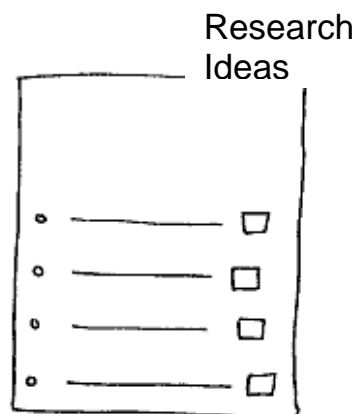
We want to make sure that people have a say about:



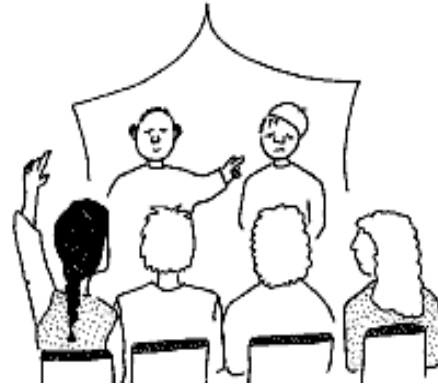
- Which research ideas need to be looked into first



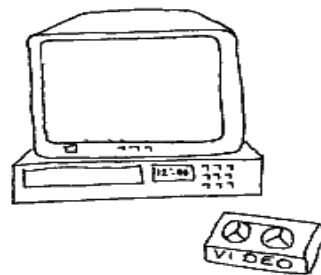
- What research should be done



- How the research is done



- How people are told what the research found out



THE INVOLVE SUPPORT TEAM

We have a small team of staff to help us carry out the work of INVOLVE.

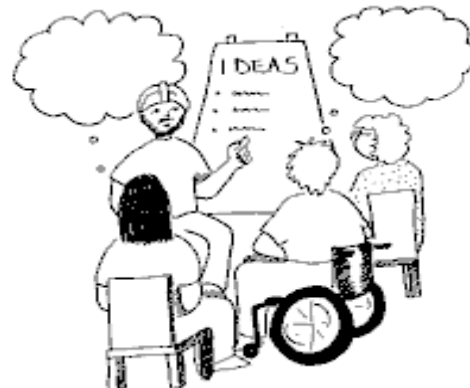


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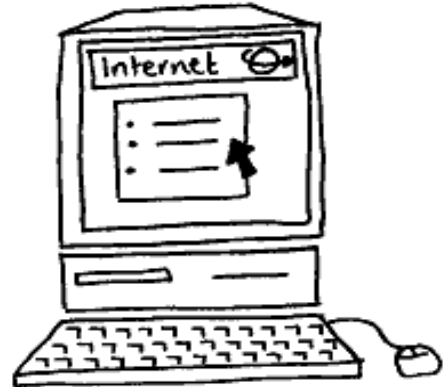
- gives information, help, and support to the public and researchers



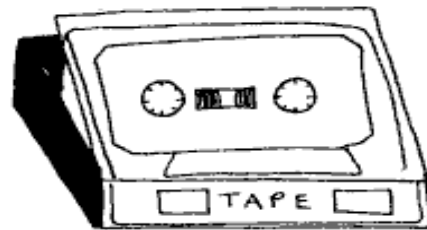
- gives talks on how the public can be included in research



- has a website and keeps a database (list) of research projects that include the public at www.invo.org.uk



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