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How can public involvement strengthen research?

For researchers and public involvement leads.

The relationship between researchers, the public and healthcare professionals is vital to the design and development of good research. It is beneficial when everyone engaging in public involvement - whatever their background or expertise - considers the following points:

1. Improving the quality of research

Good public involvement at all stages of the research cycle will improve its quality, relevance, efficiency, value for money and lead to better research outcomes and outputs.

2. Compliance with democratic and ethical principles

Involving the public at all stages of research will ensure greater transparency and accountability to funders and the public, and improve the acceptability of the importance of the research topic.

3. Fulfilling our health and social care policy commitment

Working together fulfils the health and social care policy commitment and initiatives.

4. Partnership working

Giving a voice to all stakeholders (including patients, carers and the public) and effective communication between them means the research can take into account a wide range of perspectives and lead to greater partnership working.



5. Meeting funding requirements

The design and planning of public involvement in research through its various stages, needs to fulfil the requirements of funders.

6. Managing and monitoring research more effectively

Think about facilitation of regular meetings and communication of researchers and public for effective shared-decision making, managing and monitoring processes and projects.

7. Ensuring our research makes a difference

Good public involvement leads to better quality research outcomes, ensuring that they are easily transferable to practice and facilitate change in quality of care, improve treatment and services. The research gets used in practice.

Further resources

For plain English explanation:

“What is patient and public involvement (‘PPI’) in research? Why does it matter?”

<http://www.healthtalk.org/peoples-experiences/improving-health-care/patient-and-public-involvement-research/what-patient-and-public-involvement-and-why-it-important>

“The value and impact of patient and public involvement in research”

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