

The programme aims to involve people with lived experience of social work and social care both across the programme and in projects and support the development of our understanding of good practice for involvement in adult social care research.

ARC West Midlands Activity:

- Involve people with lived experience in prioritising what research should happen in the programme
- Facilitate a group of people with lived experience of social work or social care to advise on involvement in the programme and across projects
- Facilitate discussion with other national adult social care research bodies about public involvement
- Conduct research which evaluates public involvement across programme projects and builds on knowledge about lived experience involvement in adult social care research

Lead ARCs for public involvement:

Co-ordinating Cross Programme Involvement Lead: West Midlands
Vista: ARC North East & North Cumbria
DiTSoW: ARC East of England
Connected Communities: ARC North West Coast
Community Led Support: ARC West Midlands
Wellbeing in Care Homes: ARC Kent, Surrey & Sussex

Plans for future work:

- Continue to facilitate the involvement of the group of people with lived experience across programme activity
- Building on the evaluation of public involvement in the programme co-create guidelines for involvement in social care research with researchers and people with lived experience
- Workshop and webinar activity to build consensus, disseminate findings, share co-created guidelines and support capacity building.

Please note the Terms of Reference and Ground Rules for researchers and people with lived experience who work together in our cross programme group

- Research Prioritisation Report
- Equal Access to the Knowledge Table Report



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