

Working better together: Developing resources to support public involvement in PRIME research

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Why we did this

Collaborating with public contributors to undertake health services research requires all partners to use skills and knowledge effectively. Resources and guidance, such as the UK Public Involvement Standards, are available to research teams.

PRIME Centre Wales is committed to effective public involvement in all its research. The SUPER (Service Users for Primary and Emergency care Research) group, identified need for training materials to support PRIME researchers.

This poster describes how we explored existing and potential resources to support PRIME to achieve effective public involvement in research.



What we did

SUPER is a group of patients and public members supporting PRIME to involve people in research. We established a SUPER subgroup to carry out this project.

We undertook a scoping review of existing training and resources identified through internet searching and network contacts. We used findings to develop an action plan for creating and disseminating materials to support PRIME research and encourage collaboration within research teams.



What we learnt

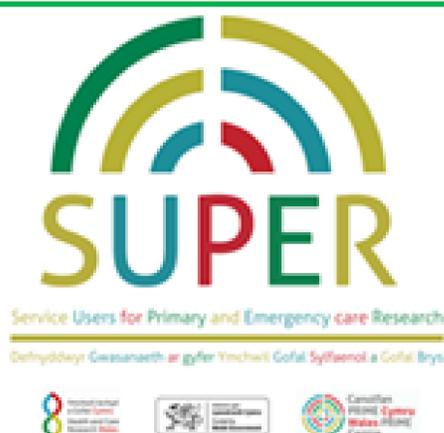
The scoping review identified a range of available resources (one-off sessions, modules, programmes; 1 hr to 16 hrs) and learning activities (online, face-to-face, seminars, workshops, conferences). Some involved assessment and some were linked to the UK Public Involvement Standards. There was no consensus on differences between training, teaching and awareness-raising.

We agreed need for a coordinated suite of resources (bespoke and existing) for PRIME researchers. Our action plan included six steps to support researchers and build collaboration between research team members:

1. Develop 'What is SUPER' leaflet
2. Develop 'What is public involvement in research' leaflet
3. Develop 'Guidance for researchers presenting at SUPER' leaflet
4. Develop communication plan including signposting to existing information and training resources
5. Review impact – what difference has it made and how can it improve
6. Make normal

Our reflections

SUPER is responding to an identified need for resources so that PRIME researchers can be supported to undertake high quality, collaborative public involvement in research in line with best practice.



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