



SUPER is a group of public members and patients who work with PRIME Centre Wales on research about primary and emergency care. SUPER stands for Service Users for Primary and Emergency care Research. PRIME Centre Wales is a collaboration of researchers from four universities, undertaking internationally relevant research to benefit patient care (<http://www.primecentre.wales/>).

SUPER members provide lay perspectives on developing, conducting and disseminating research about primary and emergency care services. This involvement helps to improve the relevance, quality and dissemination of research on these topics.

SUPER meets quarterly, through meetings in person and online via zoom. At these meetings, researchers and SUPER members discuss research projects which are being developed or are underway. These are the sorts of points which SUPER members make.

- They comment on issues that are important to patients, carers and members of the public.
- They give feedback on the relevance of research topics and how feasible it is to collect information from people.
- They suggest ways of publicising findings from research studies including how to explain complicated or technical messages to non-academic audiences.

Researchers who have worked with **SUPER** say they gain input which is different from other research team members' contributions...

'SUPER answered my queries and raised important points that I had not considered'

'SUPER gave a wider understanding of perceptions of services, highlighted challenging elements of the research task'

'SUPER provided food for thought regarding further and future opportunities'

'Really useful - used to revise and improve the grant application'

'My application was successful because of SUPER's support and input'

SUPER is recruiting new members to join the group.

We are seeking people with the following skills, attitudes and experiences:

- You have used primary or emergency care services, or you care(d) for someone who has needed these services
- You support the idea that patients and public members should be involved in research – that means helping to plan and carry out research and publicise findings
- You are able to send and receive emails and take part in discussions, including via zoom or other online video platforms
- You can attend day time, week day meetings. Online meetings usually last about two and a half hours, in the morning or afternoon. In-person meetings run between 10.30am and 2.30pm, with refreshment breaks and lunch. During the COVID 19 pandemic, we have been holding our meetings online through zoom but we hope to have face to face meetings again in the future.

We particularly welcome people with different ethnic and cultural backgrounds, those who are working and those who are aged 18-45. We hope that holding our meetings online at the present time means SUPER membership may be more accessible to a wide range of people.

Members are offered an honorarium when involved in research and any necessary expenses can be reimbursed.

If you are interested and match the criteria above, please email with the following information:

Name
Address
Email address

Please tell us what you think you can contribute to SUPER, in 200 words.

If you have any other experience of being involved in research, please tell us that too.

Send your information to Bridie Evans, PRIME Centre Wales, b.a.evans@swansea.ac.uk .
Please email if you have any questions.



To be a SUPER member, you must also agree to join the Public Involvement Community which is supported by Health and Care Research Wales
<https://www.healthandcareresearch.gov.wales/involvement-community/>