

Final Report Executive Summary



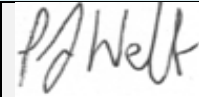
HSC R&D Division Progress Report

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HSC R&D Division Award Details

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| HSC R&D File Reference | STL.5562/19 |
| HSC R&D Funding Scheme | PPI in Research Support: Small Grant Scheme |
| Project Title | Service User Research Initiative |
| Award Holder Name (Employer) | Mr Paul Webb (Praxis Care) |
| Host Research Organisation | Praxis Care |
| Award Duration | |
| Award Start Date | 01.06.21 |
| Award End Date | 31.05.22 |
| Name of Lead Supervisor: <i>(only applicable to training awards)</i> | |

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Evidence Brief

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Why did we start?

(The need for the PPI initiative and/or Why the work was commissioned/or Purpose of attending event/conference if a PPI representative)

This initiative established a Service User Research Initiative to promote service user research in Northern Ireland. The aim was to train, support and facilitate people with experience of health and social care to get involved in identifying research priorities, designing projects, securing funding, conducting research and disseminating findings.

What did we do?

(Methods-Please comment on how your initiative/or attendance at event/conference met any of the UK Public Involvement Standards)

The project:

1. co-designed and co-delivered a training package to enable people with lived experience of health and social care to get involved in research. This aspect of the initiative was a partnership between Praxis Care, the Mental Health Foundation, the Health and Social Care Board, Ulster University and Queen's University Belfast. The training package was evaluated by a QUB researcher.
2. explored how similar initiatives have been established which involved meetings with co-researchers from the McPin Foundation and the Mental Health Foundation.
3. produced a proposal to enable third sector organisations to appreciate why they might consider supporting a Service User Research Initiative which would enable co-researchers to identify research priorities; design projects; secure funding; conduct research; and disseminate findings.

The project met the UK Public Involvement Standards by providing inclusive opportunities via the delivery of a co-designed and co-delivered training package, by working together in a multi-disciplinary team which included people with lived experience, by supporting people to become involved in research by learning about research methods and by using plain language to deliver the training package.

What answer did we get?

(Please state the outcome of this initiative/and/or what was/you gained from this event or conference as a PPI representative)

We learnt:

1. how to motivate and engage people with experience of health and social care to become involved in research;
2. how other service user research initiatives work as well as about opportunities for funding;
3. how to describe co-production and co-research to an audience who may be unfamiliar with this way of working.

What should be done now?

(Practice/Policy Implications and/or Recommendations for PPI)

Further work is needed to:

1. develop a sustainable structure for on-going co-research across health and social care, with career opportunities for co-researchers who want them;
2. support funding applications which are co-researcher led.