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## ***Beyond tokenism: PPI with impact***

**Enriching patient and public involvement in public health research**

**Date:** Thursday October 16<sup>th</sup> 2014

**Time:** 9:30-4:15

**Venue:** The Beacon Centre, Westgate Rd, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE4 9PQ

A Fuse Quarterly Research Meeting planned with the Newcastle Faculty of Medical Sciences and Institute for Social Renewal, and Involve North East.

### **Why hold this meeting now?**

Patients and the public are active participants in a broad spectrum of health research and reviews of research proposals. Funding bodies, such as the National Institute of Health Research (NIHR), increasingly require researchers to demonstrate how members of the public have been involved in the design and development of grant applications. From design through to dissemination of research, patients and the public are playing a bigger role, but how effectively? How do we know if it makes a difference, and for whom and how? What are the challenges? What can we do better? What have we learned? The meeting coincides with the NIHR strategic review of patient and public involvement (PPI): 'Breaking Boundaries: thinking differently about public involvement in research'.

### **This event aims to:**

- Bring together and draw on the experience of researchers, carers, patients and the public
- Raise awareness through discussion of questions underlying PPI throughout the research cycle
- Offer opportunities to build, share and enhance skills in this area through small group work
- Showcase local practice examples through presentations and exhibits
- Foster networks and links amongst attendees

A theme running through the day's events will be to learn from delegates and focus on the impact of PPI and what counts as meaningful involvement for patients, the public and researchers.

### **How will this work on the day?**

The format of this event will be mainly debate, discussion and learning in smaller groups, either at café style tables, in workshops, or by talking to policy and practice partners, patients and researchers about their work.

The programme (outline overleaf) will include national and local perspectives and updates on PPI, and some brief examples of PPI at all stages of the research cycle. We hope to stimulate creative thinking, and encourage participants to reflect on the implications for their work.

### **Who should attend?**

- Members of the public, with experience of, or engaged in health research or PPI activities

- Organisers and leaders of patient and public groups, and PPI networks and programmes
- Staff working in any area of public health including the third sector, Local Authority and NHS
- Academic researchers and students

### Outline Programme

09:30	<b>Registration/Arrival</b>
10:00	<b>Chair's Introduction</b> (Dr Simon Forrest, Head of School, School of Medicine, Pharmacy and Health, Durham University)
10:15	<b>Icebreaker discussions</b> Facilitated question led discussion of the challenges to PPI and making it work. On the day a discussant will reflect on what has been said whilst listening to the table discussions. Later feedback will be written up from each table for the event report
11:00	<b>Refreshment Break</b>
11:15	<b>Morning Plenary</b> Cllr Nick Forbes, Leader, Newcastle City Council (30 minutes + 15 minutes Q/A)
12:00	Series of 5 minute reports on PPI input to the stages of the research cycle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reaching the target audience – who? and how?</li> <li>• Identifying the research question</li> <li>• Making a grant application</li> <li>• Data collection and analysis</li> <li>• Dissemination and impact</li> </ul>
12:30	<b>Interactive Lunch</b> Tables/Exhibitions
13:15	<b>Parallel Workshops – Session 1</b> (45 minutes) Final titles to confirm – this listing describes the workshop content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dave Green/Susan Hrisos – experience of public involvement in research to develop a patient safety system</li> <li>• Johanna Smith and Lindsay Pennington – work in the field of speech and language therapy for children with cerebral palsy</li> <li>• Janice McLaughlin – work with young people</li> <li>• Dan Duhren – INVOLVE North East workshop Reaching the target audience – who? and how?</li> <li>• Silvia Scalabrini – organisational approaches to PPI</li> </ul>
14:00	<b>Parallel Workshops – Session 2</b> (45 minutes) An opportunity to attend a second workshop from the above choice
14:45	<b>Refreshment Break</b>
15:00	<b>Afternoon Plenary</b> Simon Denegri, Chair of INVOLVE and National Director for Public Participation and Engagement in Research, NIHR (30 minutes + 15 minutes Q/A)
15:45	<b>Panel Questions/debate</b>
16:15	<b>Chair's closing remarks</b>

**About the Venue**

The Beacon, Westgate Rd, Newcastle, NE4 9PQ, is a modern fully accessible building. The QRM is being held in the top floor conference suite. If you wish to find out more, please visit [www.thebeaconnewcastle.co.uk](http://www.thebeaconnewcastle.co.uk)

**Travelling**

The venue has a 65 space car park, and, if full, there is street parking in neighbouring residential roads without restrictions. The Beacon is well served by buses, numbers 38, 10 and 11 leaving from the Central Station and 39 and 40 from Eldon Square. Passengers should alight at the bus stop opposite the General Hospital and continue a short distance up Westgate Rd, where the Beacon is on the left. Please note that The Beacon cannot be reached by Metro. For detailed directions by road from the Central Station or the A1, please follow this link:

<http://www.thebeaconnewcastle.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/Directions-to-The-Beacon.pdf>

# INVOLVE

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*National Institute for  
Health Research*

## **Beyond tokenism: public involvement with impact**

Simon Denegri, NIHR National Director for Patients and the Public and Chair,  
INVOLVE (UK)

fuse, Newcastle, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014



# UK leadership in public involvement in research

- International leader in public involvement
- Core principle of National Institute for Health Research (NIHR)
- Clear expectation set with research community
- £ Investment and practical support
- Partnership approach

## INVOLVE

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### Welcome to INVOLVE...

INVOLVE is a national advisory group that supports greater public involvement in NHS, public health and social care research. INVOLVE is funded by and part of the **National Institute of Health Research** (NIHR). We share knowledge and learning on public involvement in research.

[Read more about us](#)

[www.invo.org.uk](http://www.invo.org.uk)

# Making research relevant

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**CHANGE ATTITUDES. FIND A CURE. JOIN US.**

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## WHAT QUESTIONS SHOULD PARKINSON'S RESEARCH ANSWER?

We're asking people affected by [Parkinson's](#) and health and social care professionals to help us identify the top 10 unanswered questions they want Parkinson's research to address.

We need the input of people who have direct and personal experience of Parkinson's to make sure we are addressing the most urgent needs.

**[Complete the survey now](#)**

Your survey responses will help to guide Parkinson's research.

And we'll use the responses to make sure researchers address the things that will make a real difference to people living with Parkinson's.

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**“ Tell us the questions you'd like to see answered by Parkinson's research - we need your input now!”**

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<http://www.netscc.ac.uk/news/item/08042013.asp>

# Increasing effectiveness and efficiency

‘The aim of patient and public involvement is to improve the quality, feasibility and translational value of research...[This] is the first time we can see that patient involvement is linked to higher likelihood of reaching recruitment target – and as a result, study success.’

Professor Til Wykes, Director, MHRN

‘Patient involvement in research boosts success,’  
The Guardian, 16/09/13

**Paper reference:** Ennis, L. et al. ‘Impact of patient involvement in mental health research: longitudinal study’ *British Journal of Psychiatry* (Sept 2013) [doi: 10.1192/bjp.bp.112.119818](https://doi.org/10.1192/bjp.bp.112.119818)

primary care

## Closing the gap between patients and the life- sciences industry

Delivering research on time and on target is essential to make sure that important research questions get answered in a cost effective way and the findings can be used to improve healthcare. PCRN recently sought to find out how a patient's perspective could help improve delivery of commercial research studies and avoid potential problems.

Research is funded in lots of different ways and research studies involving some of the most cutting-edge treatments are often funded by pharmaceutical companies. The benefits for patients and the NHS of taking part in this type of research can be considerable. For example, patients may get access to the newest, sometimes life-saving, treatments that are not yet available as standard treatments on the NHS.

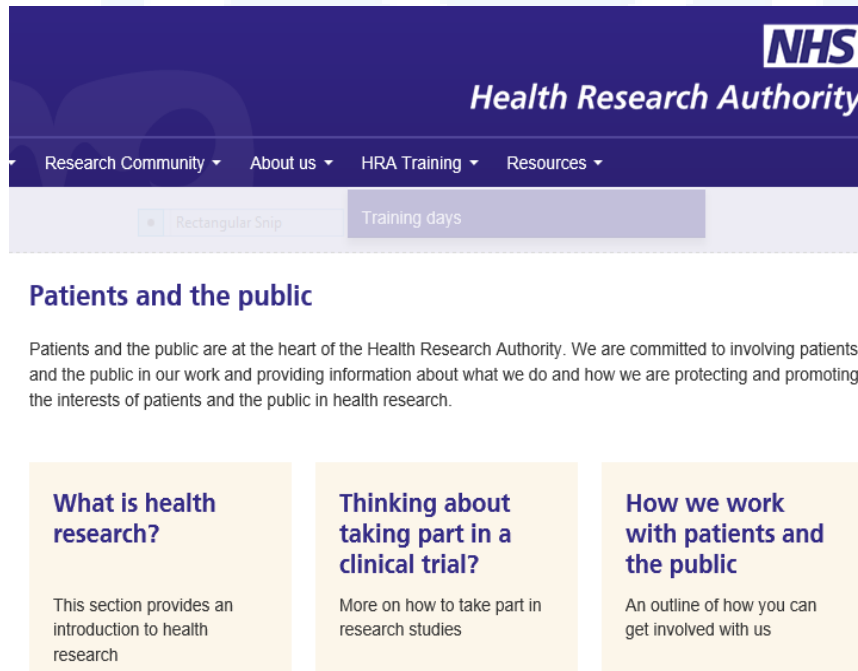
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‘The aim of this pilot wasn't about changing how we do the science, competitive research. It was about investigating whether or how we can help inform the Primary Care Research Network on decisions about if studies can be supported, if study which patients don't understand or like the sound of, means that the study is difficult to recruit to and so it is also the Network's job very difficult to do. So it's about trying to ensure a positive patient experience, trying to anticipate opportunities and challenges that might impact on the success of a study, and about trying to make suggestions on how a study might be improved.’

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# Ensuring public confidence



The screenshot shows the NHS Health Research Authority website. The top navigation bar includes 'Research Community', 'About us', 'HRA Training', and 'Resources'. Below this, there are tabs for 'Rectangular Snip' and 'Training days'. The main content area is titled 'Patients and the public' and contains a paragraph about the HRA's commitment to involving patients and the public. Below this are three columns of content:

- What is health research?**  
This section provides an introduction to health research
- Thinking about taking part in a clinical trial?**  
More on how to take part in research studies
- How we work with patients and the public**  
An outline of how you can get involved with us

- 77% of people said that knowing a Research Ethics Committee had reviewed a study would increase their confidence in it.
- 44% of respondents thought that involving patients....would increase their confidence in the study.

Ipsos MORI study for HRA: 2013

<http://www.hra.nhs.uk/news/2013/11/22/patient-involvement-increases-public-confidence-health-research/#sthash.x3fCMNWj.dpuf>



# Building research communities: young people in research

## Young people help researchers to "get real"

Clinical research is evolving. Increasingly, there is pressure on the research community to ensure that treatments are relevant and effective in daily life. This is driving more researchers to seek the input of service users in the development of their work, which is leading to a transformation of the cultural and regulatory environment for children's research.



▲The Young Persons' Advisory Group is growing in size and influence

The NIHR Medicines for Children Research Network (MCRN) has been at the forefront of patient and public involvement in research for some time. In 2006, the Network started its first Young Persons' Advisory Group in Liverpool. Since then, four more groups have been established in London, Nottingham, Birmingham and Bristol.

The initial remit of these groups was straight forward: to engage young people with research and to work in partnership with, and offer support to, researchers. Jenny Newman, NIHR Medicines for Children Research Network Consumer Liaison Manager, explains how this role has evolved:

"We set up the group to provide a forum for young people to learn about, and comment on, various aspects of the research cycle from the identification of research questions to the dissemination of research findings. We are now working with national governing bodies and helping to remodel the guidance they provide to researchers to

help them design and deliver ethically robust research for children, as well as support researchers in the design and deliverability of their studies."

**"Young people... want to know what the study will mean to them."**

Parents are able to consent for children to take part in clinical research if they are under 16 years of age. But researchers have to gain the consent of children too, which is why they receive guidance on how to produce materials to help young people understand a study.

The National Research Ethics Service (NRES) is responsible for producing this guidance. When they decided to review their materials, NRES approached the Medicines for Children Research Network about working with the Young Persons' Advisory Group:

"We conduct training for researchers in the area of ethics guidance and over the last five years the MCRN's Young Persons' Advisory Group has become an important part of our meetings", explains Dr Hugh Davies, consultant paediatrician and Research Ethics Advisor at NRES. "As a result, we wanted their input in our guidance review, which has led to a major statement of how we should approach children."

Group members felt that NRES guidance was producing study materials that failed to meet their needs. Holly Lamden is 18 years old, and a member of the Liverpool Young Persons' Advisory Group:

"A lot of the materials we see are highly formulaic. They are clearly designed to tick legal and governmental boxes, but they



workshop with the Young Persons' Advisory Group to determine whether the research question she was proposing was valid. She feels that, in an increasingly competitive environment, this input can prove vital:

"It's powerful that the people experiencing a diagnostic device have helped to shape it. Their involvement makes a study more competitive because it provides us with perspectives that we can't find anywhere else. It makes the product more likely to succeed and helps us avoid the development of expensive products that children do not want to use."

Dr Davies agrees that involving children at the beginning of the research process is crucial:

"The research community is concentrating on studies that are relevant and chasing the right question is key to this. The opportunity for genuine influence is limited, which is why it needs to be embedded in the early stages of research development."

With the paediatric research community increasingly focusing on the real-world relevance of research, the influence and impact of the Young Persons' Advisory Group is set to grow. In September this year it is holding its first national event for the life-sciences industry in which a wider range of organisations will gain an insight into how young people and families can have a positive impact on the development of clinical research.

[www.mcrn.org.uk](http://www.mcrn.org.uk)



Watch a Young Persons' Advisory Group member's video diary by visiting [www.mcrn.nhs.ac.uk/researchpeople](http://www.mcrn.nhs.ac.uk/researchpeople)

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National Institute for Health Research

*You're invited to join us for*  
**Generation R**  
young people improving research

researchers need to make a distinction between child and adult studies. Paediatric studies need to stand alone."

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# Future strategy development: evolution and revolution



## Theme 1: Overall evaluation of progress to date

- **Progress** has been made but not consistently across NIHR
- Research is becoming more **relevant** to patients and carers
- Greater **potential** for implementation of research evidence
- Evidence of **transformative** nature of public involvement personally and professionally

## Theme 2: What stops public involvement?

- **Attitudes** - scepticism, mistrust, lack of awareness, communication and curiosity
- **Resources** – time, money, infrastructure to meet increased demand, inconsistent reward and reimbursement policies, procedures and practices across NIHR, NHS, Higher Education and voluntary sector
- **Training and support** – inconsistent opportunities
- **Confusing and inconsistent** expectations from different parts of NIHR combined with variable performance and limited evidence of effective practice and impact
- **Leadership** - more leaders to promote and practice public involvement

## Theme 3: Doing public involvement differently

- **Practice** - Increase critical practice – more publication on ‘how’, introduce standards
- **Promotion**- Better promotion of effective involvement, more outreach
- **Learn** from other sectors and disciplines
- Only fund studies and programmes where there is confidence about the **standard** of public involvement
- **Inclusive** – more reflective of wider society

## Theme 4: How do we do it? The future design and delivery of public involvement in NIHR

- **Coordinate and collaborate** – better strategic development
- **Better models** of collaboration between lay people and researchers
- **Strategic and systematic** approach to the collection of evidence across NIHR

## Theme 5: Where should we be with public involvement in NIHR in ten years?

- Public involvement is **normal** and accepted practice
- **Enhanced evidence** base with better consensus on value of public involvement
- **Agreed methods** and indicators of impact
- Greater **public awareness** of research and NIHR
- **Global leadership** in scholarship and the study of public involvement in research



# Breaking Boundaries Review

## What should public involvement look like in 10 years?

Some clear messages from the community:

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- **Enhanced evidence** base with better consensus on value of public involvement
- **Definitions** of quality in public involvement
- **Agreed methods** and indicators of impact
- Greater **public awareness** of research and NIHR
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## ‘We mean business’

- Strategic direction for the next 10 years setting out:
  - ✓ What happens now? 1-2 years  
*Measures to increase efficiency and effectiveness.....*
  - ✓ What happens next? 3-5 years  
*Mechanisms and key questions, incentives.....*
  - ✓ What happens in the future? 5-10 years  
*Big picture, blue skies.....*

# A more user-driven health research system

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## Get involved

Research matters

Take part in research

### Shape research

How you can get involved

Young people and research

Charities

## Shape research

There are a range of opportunities for getting involved in the research that we fund. Involving members of the public in research is important to us to help ensure that the research we fund is:

- relevant
- reliable
- usable for people.



### What is public involvement in research?

Public involvement in research is where our research is carried out **'with'** or **'by'** members of the public rather than **'to'**, **'about'** or **'for'** them.

When we use the term 'public' we use the INVOLVE definition which include patients, potential patients, carers and people who use health and social care services as well as people from organisations that represent people who use services. You might find that others use different terms to describe people getting involved such as 'patient and public involvement (PPI)', 'service users', 'lay members' and 'consumers'.

## Related content

### Internal Links

- 🔗 [How you can get involved](#)

### Downloads


- 📄 [PIP1 what is it all about](#)
- 📄 [PIP 4 jargon buster](#)

### External Links

- 🔗 [People in Research](#)

## ‘We mean business’

- Thematic areas for recommendations:
  - ✓ Empowering individuals
  - ✓ Definition, strategy and co-ordination
  - ✓ Community
  - ✓ Design, organisation and delivery
  - ✓ Impact and success



*What will it mean to be a patient or member of public in research in 2025?*

***‘Invitation only’ or co-production of knowledge?***

# Cometh the hour, cometh the patient

*'We stand on the cusp of a revolution in the role that patients – and also communities – will play in their own health and care. Harnessing what I've called this renewable energy is potentially the make-it or break-it difference between the NHS being sustainable – or not.'*

*Simon Stevens, NHS CEO, NHS Confederation Annual Conference, June 2014*

# Working with the NHS to improve participation and engagement



*“Some people sit in a bath of baked beans or run a marathon. For me, I just thought ‘if not me then who?’ ‘It’s nice to be part of it and it gives you a way to help.’”*



*Sheridan Edward  
Opera singer, Ebola vaccine clinical  
trial volunteer on standby!*



# From willing to active patients

## Public appetite

- 82 per cent of people believe it is important for the NHS to offer opportunities to take part in healthcare research.
- Less than 7% said they would never take part in a clinical research study.  
*NIHR Clinical Research Networks Survey May 2012*
- Over 70% of patients look for information about clinical trials  
*ecancer 5 235 2011 'Information needs of cancer patients'*

## Patient experience

- National Cancer Patient Experience Survey 2012 and 2013
  - 1 in 3 patients had a discussion about research with a health professional
- Discussion much less likely if happening at all for patients with other conditions (i.e. 1 in 5 for type 1 diabetes)
- 91% of Trusts do not provide information to support patient choice in research: NIHR CRN CC Mystery Shopper 2013

# From willing to active patients

Q4. There are opportunities for NHS patients to get involved in research. Please imagine that you have a health condition such as heart disease or cancer, which affects your day-to-day life.

For each of the types of research I'm about to read out, taking the answers from this card, would you like your doctor to tell you about research that you would be able to take part in?

If the research would involve...

	Yes, definitely %	Yes, probably %	No, probably not %	No, definitely not %	Don't know %
Trialing a new medicine or treatment	35	37	16	7	4
Taking a sample of your blood and testing it in a laboratory	60	28	6	4	2
Talking to researchers about your family history to help them understand if there are any factors that may be passed down in your family	60	28	6	4	2
Allowing a researcher confidential access to your medical records but no other involvement	46	34	11	6	3

# 'Promoting a research active nation'

NIHR Strategic Plan for Participation and Engagement launched on 20 May  
2014

- Better outcomes for all in health and care
- People choosing to take part in research
- People defining research of the highest quality
- People understanding the evidence on which their care is based
- Improving people's experience in research

# From willing to active patients

- ✓ Asking about research
- ✓ Choosing to take part in research
- ✓ Knowing their contribution has made a difference
- ✓ Shaping the way in which research is designed and delivered
- ✓ Leading change at local and national level to make research happen
- ✓ Reporting on and sharing their experiences with commissioners and providers

# 'Promoting a research active nation'

- Supporting choice, promoting participation  
*UK Clinical Trials Gateway (UKCTG), OK to Ask, accessible information, removing barriers to recruitment...*
- Learning from patient experience  
*Measuring access to research, 'respect and dignity' agenda, a participant's charter....*
- Supporting citizens to champion and lead research  
*Research ambassadors, local partnerships, research active communities.....*

# Ambassadors and champions



## 'OK to Ask' campaign: International Clinical Trials Day 2014



- Encouraging patients and carers to ask their clinician about clinical research (and log response/suggestions)
- Encouraging clinicians to consider their response if a patient does ask: how to channel interest

# Improving the patient experience

Improving patient experience:


- Removing barriers
- Information and consent
- Quality of care
- Relationship with professionals
- When the trial is over – results and acknowledgement?



The image shows a survey form titled "Clinical Research Facility Open Day 2014". At the top, there are logos for the Chief Scientist Office, UKCRF Network (UK Clinical Research Facility Network), and the National Institute for Health Research (NHS). The survey consists of several sections:

- Section 1:** "1) Would you recommend taking part in research to your friends and family? (please tick)" with radio buttons for "Yes" and "No".
- Section 2:** "2) Was everything explained thoroughly to you on the day of your visit? (please tick)" with radio buttons for "Yes" and "No".
- Section 3:** "3) Why did you decide to take part in this research study? (please tick)" with radio buttons for "Personal benefit", "Family member illness", "Financial gain/payment", and "Altruistic reasons/helping others".
- Section 4:** A text-based section starting with "4) We are grateful that you have taken part in our research today. We have opportunities for patients/participants and their families to get more involved in our work. When patients/participants and families team up with us, it makes our research better. There are many ways to help out - some examples are:" followed by four bullet points:
  - ▶ Help research nurses and staff decide which research should take place
  - ▶ Help research nurses and staff review and make patient information sheets
  - ▶ Help research nurses and staff by providing comments or input about the research facility
  - ▶ Join research nurses and staff on research study groups to give the patients/participants point of view

At the bottom of the form, there is a thank you message: "Thank you for completing this service evaluation survey. Please hand in to a member of the research team." and a website link: "For more information on clinical research visit [www.nhs.uk/conditions/clinical-trials](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/clinical-trials)". There is also an "OK TO ASK" logo in the bottom right corner.



*“I have always taken the view that public involvement in research should be the rule not the exception.”*

*Professor Dame Sally Davies  
Chief Medical Officer (CMO)*



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# **Patient and Public Involvement in Research**

## **Helpful Resources list**

### **INVOLVE**

INVOLVE is funded by the NIHR to support public involvement in NHS, public health and social health care research.

<http://www.invo.org.uk>

### **INVOLVE publications list 2014**

The INVOLVE publications list highlights a selection of the current guidance and evidence publications.

[www.involve.nihr.ac.uk/resource-centre/publications-by-involve](http://www.involve.nihr.ac.uk/resource-centre/publications-by-involve)

### **INVOLVE Useful links**

The INVOLVE links include details of research websites and organisations that might be helpful for researchers and members of the public who have an interest in active public involvement in research.

<http://www.invo.org.uk/resource-centre/useful-information/links>

### **Public Involvement Impact Assessment Framework (PiiAF)**

PiiAF has been produced to help researchers assess the impacts of involving members of the public in their research in diverse fields from health care to local history.

<http://piiaf.org.uk>

### **Research Design Service**

The Research Design Service North East is funded by the NIHR to provide support to those preparing grant applications for submission to national, peer-reviewed funding competitions for applied health or social care research.

<http://rds-ne.nihr.ac.uk/about/contact-us>

### **VOICENorth**

VOICE (Valuing our Mental Capital and Experience) North is a lively and creative organization, based at Newcastle University since 2009. Voice North has invested in creating a flourishing community of research active citizens, with partnerships between members of the public and patients working with academics, policy makers and businesses to co-create and translate research evidence and supporting innovation.

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### **Centre for Social Justice and Community Action**

The Centre for Social Justice and Community Action is a research centre at Durham University, made up of academic researchers from a number of departments and disciplines and community partners. Our aim is to promote and develop research, teaching, public/community engagement and staff development (both within and outside the university) around the broad theme of social justice in local and international settings, with a specific focus on participatory action research.

[www.durham.ac.uk/beacon/socialjustice](http://www.durham.ac.uk/beacon/socialjustice)

### **National Co-ordinating Centre for Public Engagement**

The National Co-ordinating Centre for Public Engagement's works to help support universities to improve, value and increase the quantity and quality of their public engagement and embed it into their core practice.

Centre for Social Justice and Community Action, Durham University and the National Co-ordinating Centre for Public Engagement (2012) **Community-based participatory research. A guide to ethical principles and practice** available from [www.publicengagement.ac.uk](http://www.publicengagement.ac.uk)

### **NHS Midlands and East**

NHS Midlands and East (2012). Good engagement practice for the NHS: Involving patients, carers, communities and staff to improve health outcomes.

[http://www.haref.org.uk/documents/Good%20engagement%20practice%20for%20the%20NHS\[1\].pdf](http://www.haref.org.uk/documents/Good%20engagement%20practice%20for%20the%20NHS[1].pdf)

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## **Quarterly Research Meeting – Summary Report**

### **Beyond Tokenism: PPI with impact**

### **Enriching patient and public involvement in public health research**

**Thursday 16th October 2014**

**The Beacon Centre, Westgate rd; Newcastle Upon Tyne**

#### **Introduction**

This report summarises the keynote speaker's presentations, and the concluding panel discussion session at the October Quarterly Research Meeting held on the topic of "Beyond Tokenism: PPI with impact, Enriching patient and public involvement in public health research" The QRM was organised a grouping of Fuse, Newcastle University (Institute for Social Renewal) and Involve North East. This summary report is to be read in conjunction with the slide sets kindly provided by our speakers, also on the Fuse website. The slides are cross-referenced in the summary account, below. In addition you will also find the abstracts for the parallel workshops posted on the website, alongside this summary report.

#### **PLENARY SPEAKERS**

#### **Towards a new citizenship for health: Nick Forbes, Leader, Newcastle City Council and CEO, Involve North East**

Nick Forbes began his presentation by outlining the content of his talk (as listed on Slide 2) and referring to his experiences within a "Common Purpose" group, which had given him an insight into considering health issues in a variety of environments. He returned to the institution of the NHS in 1948 by showing the cover of the original public information leaflet delivered across the UK (Slide 3), indicating that at that stage there was no choice - people either used the NHS or paid to be treated privately. Over succeeding decades there had been substantial progress in preventative vaccination and screening programmes (as listed on Slide 4) and also new medical advances in treatment (also on Slide 4). Technological improvements based on doing ever more was the order of the day, which raised longer term questions about if this cumulative approach could be financially viable.

Choice for the public first emerged in the 1990s in the form of helplines (like NHS Direct) NHS Choices and walk-in centres, (see Slide 5). These developments broke the single point of contact being through the GP and the GP alone. The speaker then moved on to changes in local government alongside the changes that he had described in the NHS. In 1972 the Local Government Act created standardised functions across England (see map of local authorities in Slide 6) and the services local government developed into providing could be categorised under the headings of 'place' and 'people'; in the latter case providing a personal service of some sort and this has been augmented by the addition of public health since 2013 (see Slides 7 and 8). The list of public health services that local government is now responsible for (see Slide 8) is still medically dominated and concentrates on treatment and prevention, rather than being more fundamentally transformative. Traditionally the

NHS, when it has considered involvement has equated this with service design and delivery. For the local authority, this is different because of local elections, although turnout nationally was 36% (see Slide 9) and in Newcastle that figure was lower at 33%. Consequently involvement can't just be about democracy, given these low participation figures.

Nick Forbes then moved on to talk about personalisation (also set out on Slide 9). He described this concept which involves, following assessment, the person being given a budget to spend on their assessed needs. However the scope for implementing this has been affected by austerity measures. Slide 10 depicts spending changes nationally between 2010-11 and 2014-15, and attention was drawn to two elements of the bar chart. These were changes in NHS England (almost unchanged at -0.2%) and local government, where there had been a reduction of -27.3%. This was an unprecedented level of cuts not seen since 1981-82. Slide 11 compared two maps of England, one depicting cumulative cuts to Councils (where darker areas have had greater cuts) and another showing the Index of Multiple Deprivation where more deprived areas were also in a darker shade. These two maps placed alongside each other show a strong association between the greater cuts and greater deprivation, which was inducing a stronger sense of crisis in the most affected areas. It was stated that there was a similar picture for the NHS but less pronounced.

The issues described meet within the responsibilities of the Health & Wellbeing Board. Slide 12 sets out the main parameters for the make-up and functions of the Boards. In Newcastle the membership has been extended to include additional stakeholders. A contrast was drawn between the expectation that the Boards would influence commissioning plans and produce Joint Strategic Needs Assessments, but without dedicated resources and powers, conducting business entirely on the basis of good will. Nonetheless Health & Wellbeing Boards are seen as 'the pinnacle of leadership' but are not necessarily the people who can deliver population health as that's a broad responsibility. The work of the Board was described as being analogous to getting a tortoise to dance (see Slide 13). The process of developing a wellbeing for life strategy in Newcastle was described (see Slides 14 and 15). Slides 15 and 19 sum up the 4 main priorities (reduced from a historical 43):

- Establishing the working city – jobs of good quality, a healthy economy
- Decent neighbourhoods – healthy places and communities
- Tackling inequalities – on the basis that fairer societies are healthier – through service distribution
- A cooperative Council fit for purpose

A quote from Saul Alinsky setting out his philosophy of participation was shown (Slide 16) followed by a short video clip featuring Chris Brink (embedded in Slide 17). Slide 18 is an extract from the Lancet Commission (2012) document on shaping cities for health, that brings out the importance of participation by stakeholders and the use of a wide range of knowledge and sources, and was used to indicate that this thinking had underpinned identifying the four priorities of the wellbeing for life strategy.

Slide 20 presents a series of conclusions. The starting point is that traditionally public services define need and allocate resources to meet the need, but this approach is unsustainable. Consequently a new approach is needed based on involvement and

cooperation to tackle issues together, taking into account changes in technology which rely much more on the individual taking responsibility (See Slide 21 which compares a traditional ECG in a hospital department and wearable technology.) The final two slides present a series of questions for research/researchers and quotations from the Wellbeing for Life strategy which illustrate how individuals perceive and define health. Questions following the presentation included the issues of minority representation and how the NHS measures and undertakes involvement.

**INVOLVE: Beyond Tokenism: public involvement with impact: Simon Denegri, NIHR National Director for Patients and the Public and Chair INVOLVE (UK)**

Simon Denegri started his presentation by setting the scene for health research in the UK. He compared this with a three-legged stool comprising of three main sources of funding, the government, (through NIHR – National Institute for Health Research, and MRC – the Medical Research Council for example), industry (such as the pharmaceutical industry) and charities, which make the highest contribution globally. He made the point that these sources of funding need to be kept in balance. Public involvement under the banner of INVOLVE is about the active involvement of the public in the whole research cycle, of which engagement and dissemination is an offshoot. The UK is an international leader in public involvement (see Slide 2). Leading on from this, a core principle of NIHR is a clear expectation of public involvement in research (see Slides 3-6).

Simon Denegri gave some examples of priority setting including significant numbers of people. He indicated that there was evidence of increasing the effectiveness and efficiency of the execution of projects through public involvement – in general terms the greater the public involvement the better the project set up, feasibility and participant recruitment. Public confidence in the research is also improved through public involvement, (for details see Slide 5). The role of young people in research communities was highlighted (see Slide 6). Simon Denegri suggested that, in his experience, researchers were anxious about public and patient involvement and benefitted from learning activities in this field. The next section of the presentation dealt with the results of a NIHR national survey categorised under a series of five themes (covered in Slides 9-13).

Theme 1 considers the overall picture of progress to date. This showed that progress had been made but not consistently across the NIHR, research was becoming more relevant to patients and carers, there was greater potential for implementation of research evidence and evidence of the transformative nature of public involvement personally and professionally. Theme 2 (slide 10) considers what inhibits patient involvement under the headings of attitudes, resources, training and support, expectations and leadership. Theme 3 (slide 11) reflects some topic areas for improving public involvement. An additional comment was made that the nature of public involvement needs to be more ethnically diverse. Theme 4 (slide 12) considers the future design and delivery of public involvement in NIHR, setting out the main headings for this and leads on to Theme 5 (slide 13) which presents a vision of where the NIHR should be with public involvement in ten years time. This is developed in more detail in Slides 14 and 15. Simon Denegri made a strong stance for a more user-driven health research system (slide 17) taking a cue from the more user driven health services – in short research lags behind provision of services. He made the

point that public involvement has tended to be 'by invitation only' due to the way institutions are set up. It is important to make the transition from this position to true co-production of knowledge.

A slide was shown with a quotation from Simon Stevens (NHS CEO, delivered to a national conference in June 2014) which underlined the role of patients and communities in their own care, and using a concept which he had called "renewable energy" to describe their role. Simon went on to make the point that not enough people are invited to take part in research and drew attention to the paradox that in the UK the general population are very pro-medical research but tend not to be asked to participate, apart from cases of rare diseases where a particular committed community forms the recruitment pool. Slides 22-25 explore how patients could be included more actively leading up to Slide 25 headed "Promoting a research active nation" which sets out the headline objectives of the NIHR strategic plan for participation and engagement launched in May 2014. Slides 26-29 describe in more detail how patients can be more positively included as active participants and their experience of being part of a project improved and recognised. Simon Denegri referred to an example of an embedded patient advisor for trials based within the R&D team in Maidstone Hospital, Kent as a particularly good illustration of patient inclusion. In particular citizens tend not to be thanked for their involvement in research and it's difficult for the public to learn the results of trials they have taken part in. Consequently the EU have passed legislation to improve access. The final substantive slide (Slide 31) includes a quotation from Professor Dame Sally Davies (Chief Medical Officer) to sum up, "I have always taken the view that public involvement in research should be the rule not the exception".

Slide 32 (final slide) provides Simon Denegri's contact details. Questions following the presentation led to discussion about applying for funding to assist with patient and public involvement and how to increase the profile of involvement in public health. One suggestion was to make involvement count in professional portfolios.

## **PANEL DISCUSSION**

The concluding session of the day was a panel discussion. Questions were gathered from the audience during the course of the day and five selected for the panel. The content of all the questions posed can be found in a separate document on the website alongside this report. Panel members were: Val Bryant (a patient with extensive experience of research involvement), Nick Forbes and Simon Denegri (plenary speakers, see above), Sue Lewis (a qualitative research specialist with the Research Design Service based at Durham University) and Lynne Corner (Deputy Director, Engagement, Newcastle University Institute for Ageing). The session was chaired by Mandy Cheetham (PDRA, translational research programme, Fuse from Teesside University).

Questions selected for the day were:

1. Can and how can, the public knock on the Universities' doors?
2. How do we involve "difficult to reach" populations? Not just the 'usual suspects' but men, younger people etc (the silent majority)

3. How do we reach the people who are making the decisions about what gets funded?
4. How do we measure the impact of public engagement/involvement?
5. What next after the research project has ended – follow up opportunities for PPI?

Q - Can and how can, the public knock on the Universities' doors?

A – Routes were suggested, (for example via the good offices of Fuse) but limitations were also acknowledged. Suggestions were made for the ways Universities could improve the position by improved websites to encourage engagement and a one-stop shop to help navigate University organisations. It was noted that social involvement doesn't currently count in University rankings and that leaders in public health could pioneer change.

Q - How do we involve “difficult to reach” populations? Not just the ‘usual suspects’ but men, younger people etc (the silent majority)

A – One panel member stressed the importance of forming longer term relationships and collaborating beyond the life of the project, because the people themselves have long term issues. It was stressed that the VCS (voluntary and community sector) can reach people that others can't, and that understanding is improving of some sectors of the population, for example the different elements of the black and minority ethnic populations. There are also big generational differences which require a different approach. In conclusion the more diverse the approach the better to reach all groups.

Q - How do we reach the people who are making the decisions about what gets funded?

A - One approach suggested was to lobby politicians about science funding. Individual involvement was advocated so that one could have a say. It was stressed that it was important to include PPI costs in funding applications and to raise the issue in reporting of studies.

Although selected to be put to the panel Questions 4 and 5, above, were not used for logistical reasons.

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Mandy Cheetham

14<sup>th</sup> November 2014



# Towards a new citizenship for health

**Nick Forbes**

Leader, Newcastle City Council and  
CEO, Involve North East

16<sup>th</sup> October 2014

- Context and History – different traditions of involving people
- Health and Wellbeing Boards
- Newcastle's approach in a time of austerity
- Some conclusions and challenges
- What would co-produced health look like?



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# Health advances

## Population health:

- 1959 – Polio and Diphtheria vaccination programmes
- 1961 – Contraceptive pill
- 1986 – “Don’t Die of Ignorance” campaign
- 1988 – breast screening

## Medical progress:

- 1960 – Kidney transplants
- 1962 – Hip replacements
- 1968 – Heart transplants
- 1972 – CT scanners
- 1978 – IVF
- 1985 – Liver transplants

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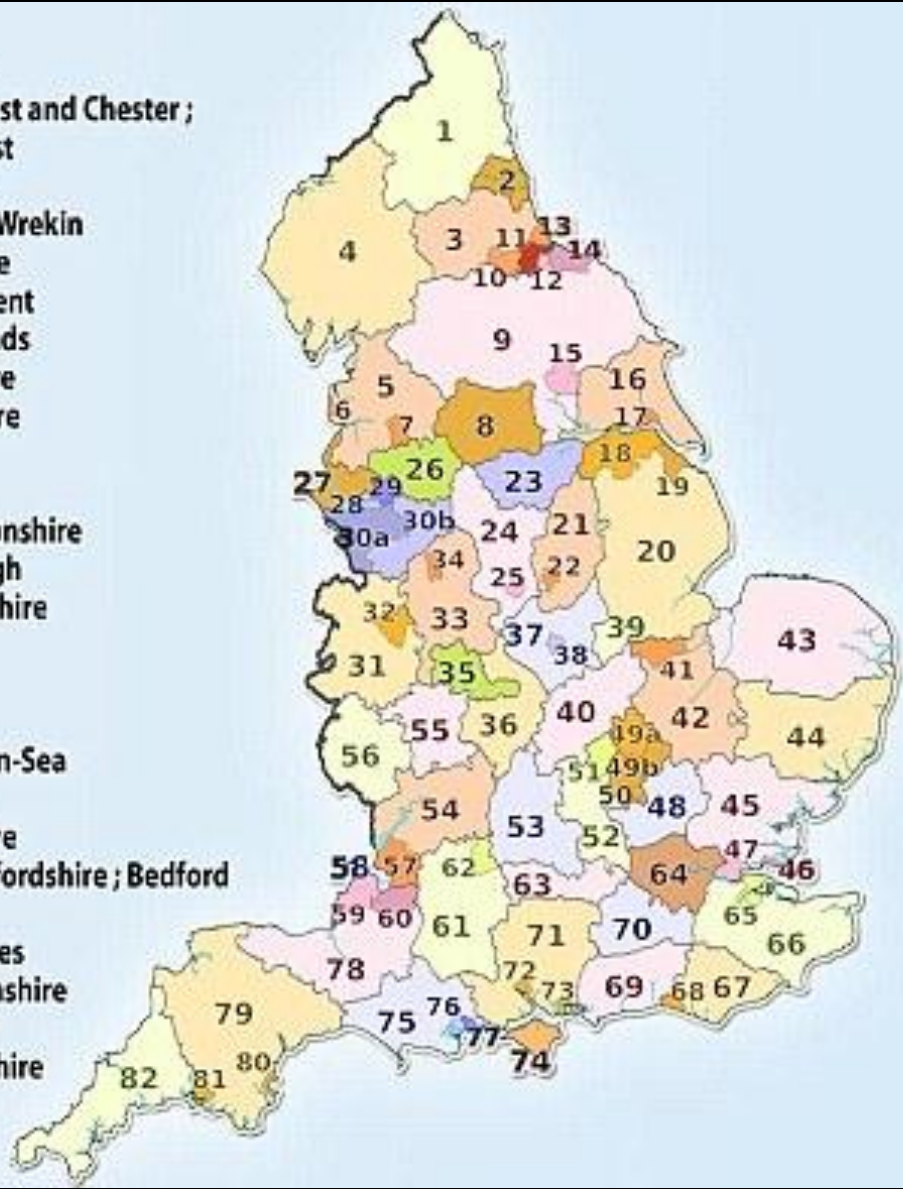
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- 81 Cornwall



# Council functions post 1972

## **'Place' services**

- Council housing
- Environmental health
- Leisure services
- Libraries and culture
- Planning
- Transport
- Roads and Footpaths
- Waste and recycling
- Parks and public places

## **'People' services**

- Adult Care Services (e.g. older people, home care, residential care, learning and physical disabilities, mental health care)
- Childrens' Services (e.g. schools, Looked After Children, Safeguarding, Special Educational Needs)
- Public Health

# The council's new Public Health responsibilities (from April 2013)

- Tobacco control
- Smoking cessation
- Health protection outbreaks
- Alcohol services
- Substance misuse services
- National Child Measurement programme
- Obesity services
- Nutrition initiatives
- Tackling social exclusion
- Reducing impact of environmental hazards
- Increasing physical activity
- NHS health checks
- Mental health promotion
- Dental health promotion
- Accident prevention
- Birth defect reductions
- Immunisation and screening programmes
- Sexual health services
- Contraception services
- Tackling domestic violence



# Citizenship and Participation

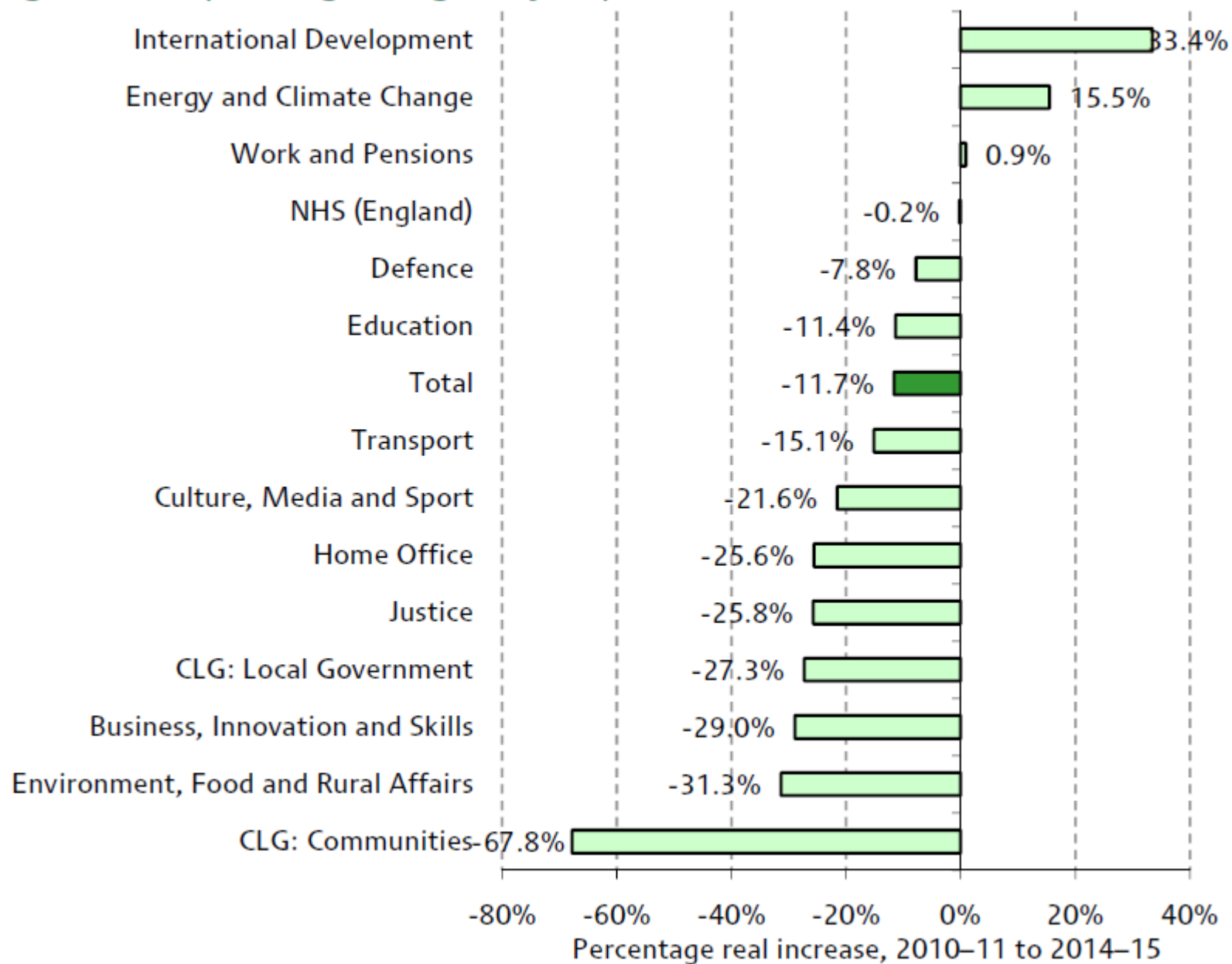
## Democracy

- Local elections every year
- Politically shaped decision-making – through manifestos
- Engagement as ‘citizens’
- Participation a ‘civic responsibility’
- BUT
- Turnout 36% in 2014

## Personalisation

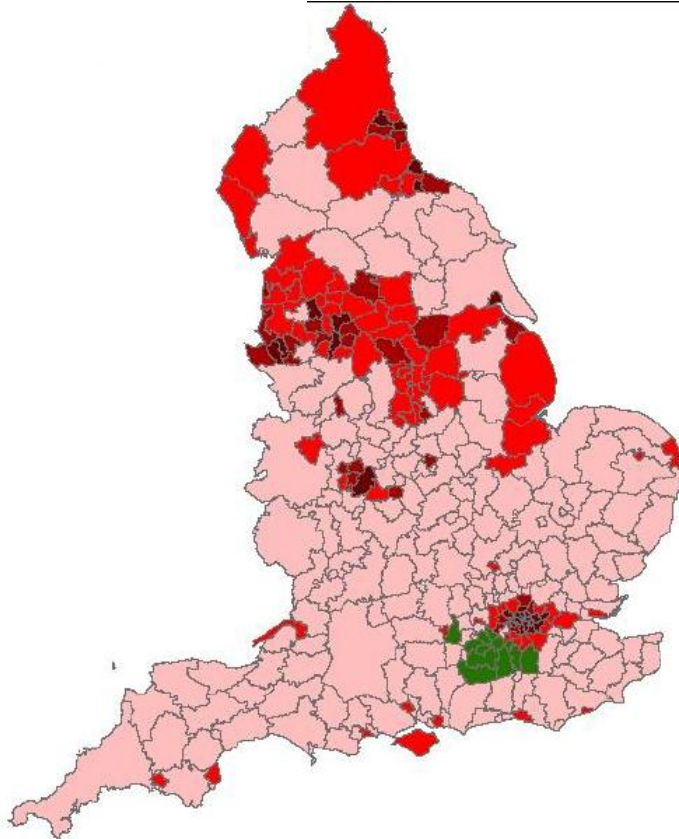
- Social care designed around the needs of individuals
- Professionally assessed needs
- Cash budget allocated (‘direct payments’)
- Can be spent on activities meeting assessed needs
- Drive for all recipients of social care to have personal budgets

Figure 6.4. Spending changes, by department

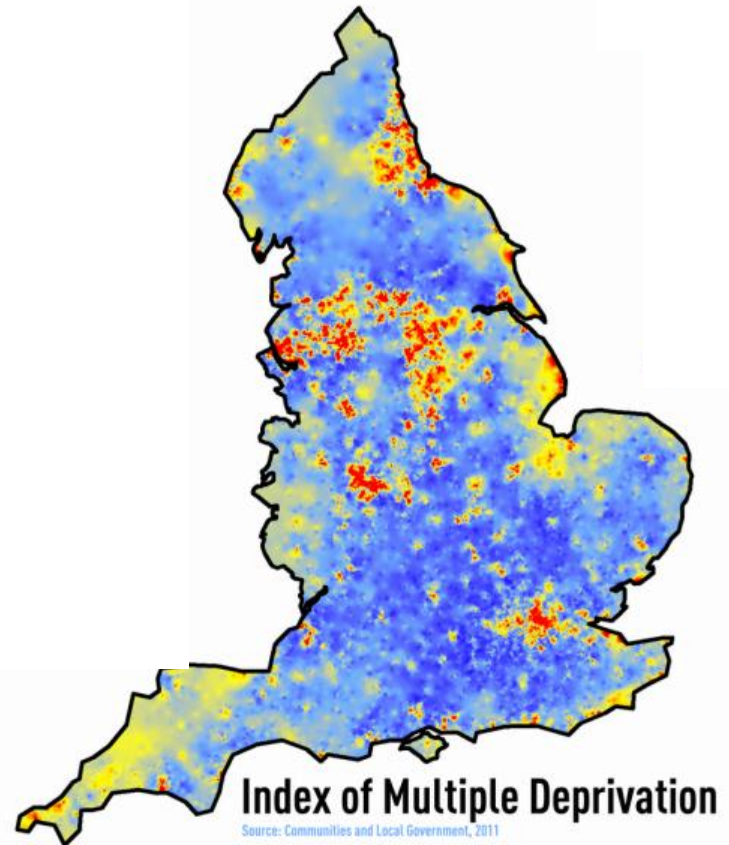


# Austerity in action

## Cumulative cuts to councils

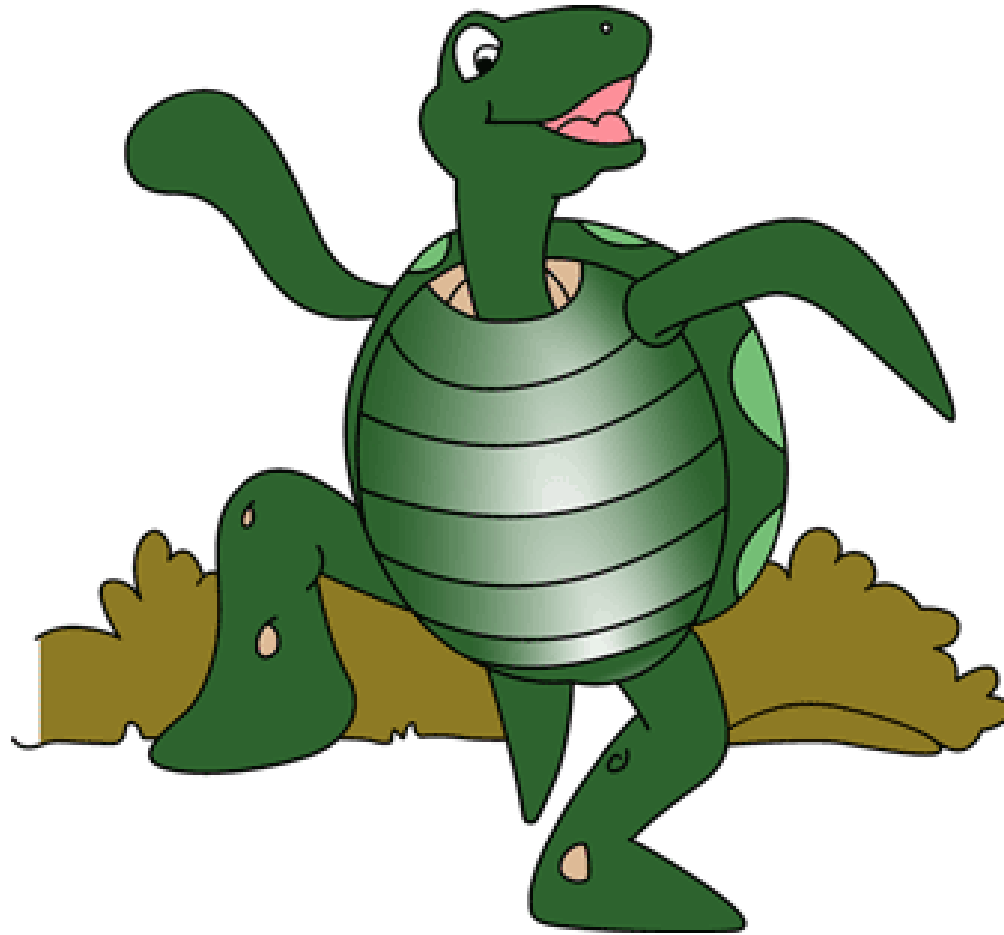


## Index of Multiple Deprivation

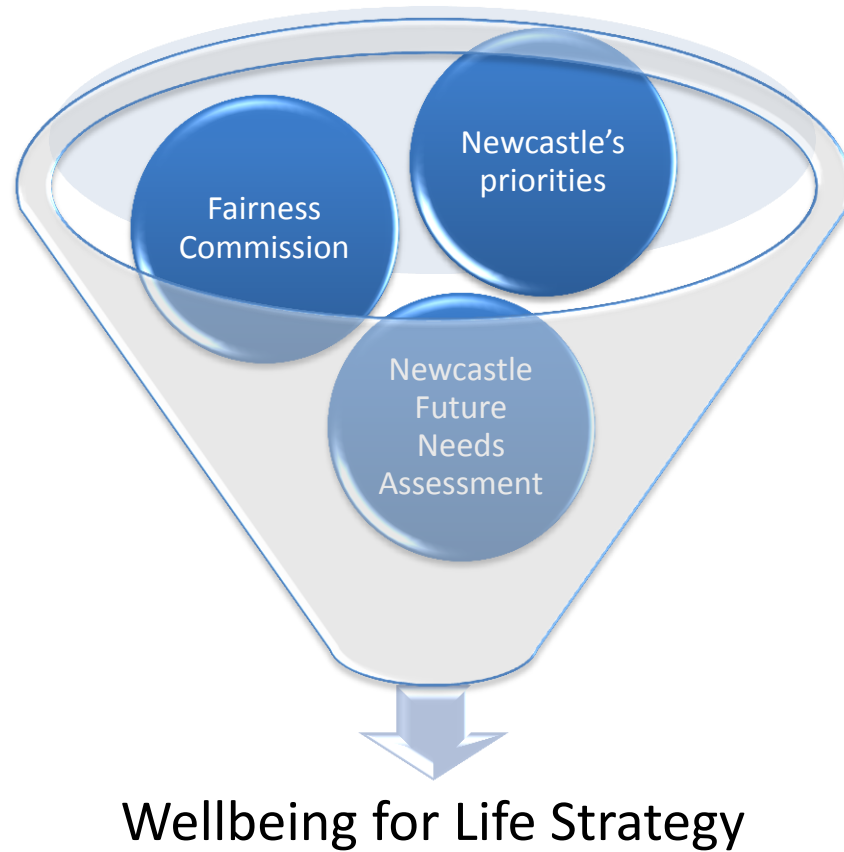


# Health and Wellbeing Boards

- Proscribed membership: councillors, local authority and NHS commissioners, NHS England
- Can 'influence' commissioning plans
- Duty to develop a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and
- Produce a Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- No resources, capacity or formal powers



# Newcastle's approach to Health and Wellbeing



# Newcastle's priorities



# Why co-operation is essential

*‘Self respect arises only out of people who play an active role in solving their own crises and who are not helpless, passive, puppet-like recipients of private or public services. To give people help, while denying them a significant part in the action, contributes nothing to the development of the individual. In the deepest sense it is not giving, but taking – taking their dignity. **Denial of the opportunity to participate is the denial of human dignity and democracy.** It will not work.’*

**Saul Alinsky**





# Newcastle Future Needs Assessment

*“A different kind of assessment is needed... In line with ideas of social learning, such assessment should be based on dialogue, deliberation, and discussion between key stakeholders rather than a technical exercise done by experts. It would also call on a wide range of sources of knowledge, combining statistical data with the insights and experiential knowledge held by practitioners and the lay knowledge and experience of communities”*

**Lancet Commission (2012) “Shaping cities for health: complexity and the planning of urban environments in the 21st century”**

# Wellbeing for Life Strategy

- Working City – a healthy economy
- Decent Neighbourhoods – healthy places
- Decent Neighbourhoods – healthy communities
- Tackling inequalities through the impact of services

# Some challenges...

- Culturally, and historically, public services are geared up to define needs and allocate resources to meet them
- This approach is financially (and morally?) unsustainable
- Power relationships – the idea that there are professionals and non-professionals – are changing

# Changing power relationships

Old style ECG



iPhone monitor



# Some challenges...

- Culturally, and historically, public services are geared up to define needs and allocate resources to meet them
- This approach is financially (and morally?) unsustainable
- Power relationships – the idea that there are professionals and non-professionals – are changing
- Communities often don't feel heard or allowed to participate in issues that affect them
- New models of involvement – based on co-operative principles - can bridge these gaps

# ...and some questions for research

- Is the creation of new demand, through needs assessment, futile in a time of austerity?
- Where does the power lie in decision-making about research topics?
- How do research programmes have impact, given the complexity of decision-making?
- Does the idea of greater co-operation with non-academics weaken principles of academic rigour?
- Who else can help you engage communities and individuals in designing and delivering research programmes?
- What is research FOR?

# Newcastle's vision

“Good health until I die, vibrant and diverse social networks, equitable distribution of resources to achieve a thriving neighbourhood. A secure public environment”

“Looking well, feeling well, looking forward and never looking back. Not feeling neglected or invisible, not being patronised or marginalized”

“Good health, both mentally and physically. Having family and friends around to support me when needed and to talk things through. Social activity and sense of purpose”

“My own and my partners health, a warm, comfortable house, a friendly, safe neighbourhood, a city full of activities, a country that cares about people”