

Patient and Public Involvement

and Engagement and Co-production - an International Perspective

The concept of Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE) in health service provision and research has been around for over 40 years, since the World Health Organisation published the Alma-Ata Declaration. Much literature has explored the impact of PPIE in health services, and there is growing evidence of the impact PPIE has in health research. INVOLVE was established in 1996 and is part of, and funded by, the National Institute for Health Research, to support active public involvement in NHS, public health and social care research. It is one of the few government funded programmes of its kind in the world.

INVOLVE¹ has defined patient / public involvement in research as “research being carried out **‘with’** or **‘by’** members of the public” (including patients, their relatives and carers) “rather than **‘to’**, **‘about’** or **‘for’** them. INVOLVE has further differentiated the concept into:



Involvement

where people are actively involved in research projects and in research organisations.



Participation

where people take part in a research study.



Engagement

where information and knowledge about research is shared with the public.

INVOLVE is currently exploring what is meant by ‘Co-production’ its application in health and social care research varies, revealing a lack of consensus around the concept. Some argue that co-production in research is just ‘really good PPI’, whilst for others it is very different: a much more deliberative process which requires public members and researchers to be involved on an equal footing throughout every stage of the design and delivery of research.

We wish to solicit papers for this special edition to include: high quality systematic reviews; original research papers reporting aspects of PPIE and Co-production with a particular focus on developing and emerging economies. If your research meets the above criteria, please consider submitting your work to *Health Expectations*.

1. <http://bit.ly/2spWfbf>

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