

# **Universal Credit – welfare that works: INVOLVE submission**

This is INVOLVE's submission to the Department of Work and Pensions Select Committee inquiry on Universal Credit.

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## **Patient perspectives on the regulation and governance of medical research**

In March 2010 the Academy of Medical Sciences (AMS) was asked by the Department of Health to conduct an independent review of the regulation and governance of medical research.

In the course of its inquiry the panel invited the Association of Medical Research Charities (AMRC) and INVOLVE to hold a workshop which would provide an insight into patient perspectives on the conduct of research and associated regulatory issues. It was agreed that the conclusions of the workshop would be fed into the review and that AMRC and INVOLVE would separately produce an independent report of the event. The workshop was held on Tuesday 2 November 2010.

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# Turning the pyramid upside down

Authors: Hilary Blackburn, Bec Hanley and Kristina Staley from TwoCan Associates

This report provides real-life examples of how service users have been involved in social care research.

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# Changing our worlds: summary report

Author: Alison Faulkner

Summary of the [full report](#) of the Changing our worlds publication. The summary outlines the common themes, conclusions and key messages from the seven projects which are explored in the full report.

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# Changing our worlds: examples of user-controlled research in action

Author: Alison Faulkner

This report is intended to increase the understanding and awareness of user-controlled research through exploring in-depth seven examples of research where service users or disabled people controlled the research process. The report provides a description of the seven examples and a summary of the role and value of the user-controlled research.

A 12-page [summary](#) of the report and an easy read version of one the projects – [Connect Works](#) – are also available.

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## Easy read version of Connect Works: Connect in the North

Author: Connect in the North

More detailed information about this project is available in the report [Changing our worlds: examples of user controlled research in action](#).

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# **Building on success**

Author: Katherine Cowan, James Lind Alliance

The event brought together representatives from large and small research funding organisations, research commissioners and other groups and individuals with experience of patient and public involvement in research priority setting and commissioning.

The purpose of the meeting was to reflect on progress and to consider the future development of patient and public involvement in research priority setting and commissioning processes.

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# **Count us in! Involving everyone in health and social care: summary report**

Authors: Fran Branfield and Peter Beresford

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# Examples of training and support for public involvement in research

Author: Bec Hanley, TwoCan Associates

This report stems from a workshop held by INVOLVE in January 2010. It details 12 examples of training and support for public involvement in research and summarises what happened at the workshop.

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## The impact debate

Author: Kristina Staley, TwoCan Associates

invoNET is a network of people working to build evidence, knowledge and learning about public involvement in NHS, public health and social care research. invoNET workshops offer network members an opportunity to share information on building the knowledge and an evidence base for public involvement in research. The aim of this workshop was to provide an opportunity to network and share information on the impact of public involvement in research.

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# **Research Design Services and public involvement: a national map**

Author: Lucy Simons

The Research Design Services are funded by the National Institute for Health Research to help NHS researchers and those working with NHS partners to prepare grant applications for applied health or social care research. They do this by providing expert advice and support on research design and methodology.

By compiling this map of their public involvement work, we hope to provide a comprehensive description of how the ten Research Design Services plan to promote and support public involvement in research.

We hope this document will be of interest to the Research Design Services and other organisations concerned with public involvement in research.

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