

Evaluating public involvement in the Palliative Care theme

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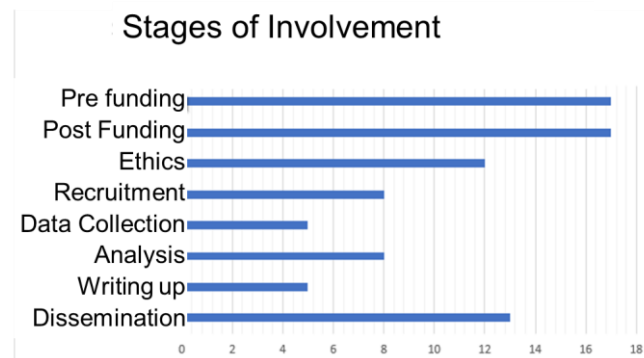
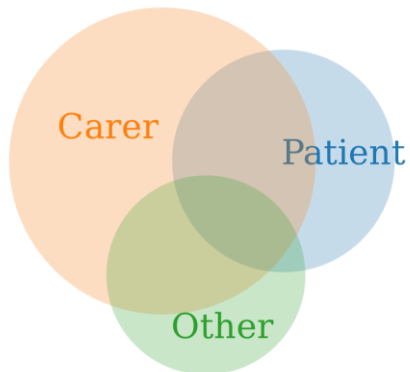
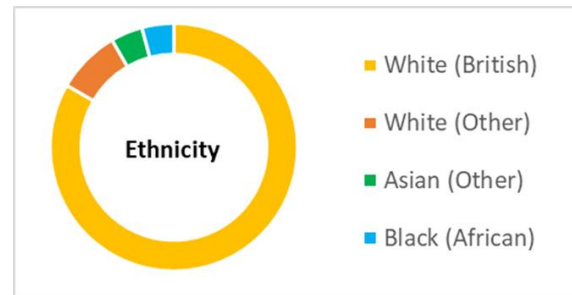
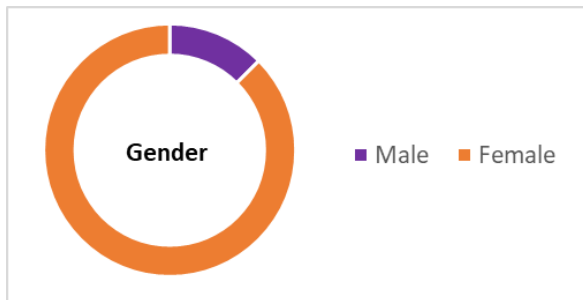
Our evaluation and improvement journey





- Outlined core principles
 - Early involvement
 - Flexible involvement
 - Promoting contributions
- Plans including
 - Establishing public involvement coordinator role
 - Public involvement workshops twice a year
 - Staff training once a year
 - Evaluating involvement structures & activities





Involvement activities across 24 projects	# projects
As a co-applicant on the research grant	6
As a co-researcher on the research project	0
Reviewing project plain language summary	17
Reviewing full research proposal	8
Reviewing study materials	17
Attending ethics committees	4
Assisting with data analysis	5
Feedback on findings	12
To support dissemination of findings	7
Setting priorities for subsequent projects	6



“I felt, that the researchers were genuinely interested to understand from our perspective”
(Public member)

“Potentially, we do a bit of a disservice sometimes when we just include them, without thinking about why”
(Researcher)

“I can use the Dragon’s Den, or I can use the award-winning web-based platforms, or I can just ask a colleague and they have a database of people... that sort of infrastructure, as a researcher, is amazing”
(Researcher)

“it can bring up a lot of memories from the past, and ah emotions, and that can be quite difficult to manage”... “especially reading transcripts, you need to be very mindful of that”
(Public member)

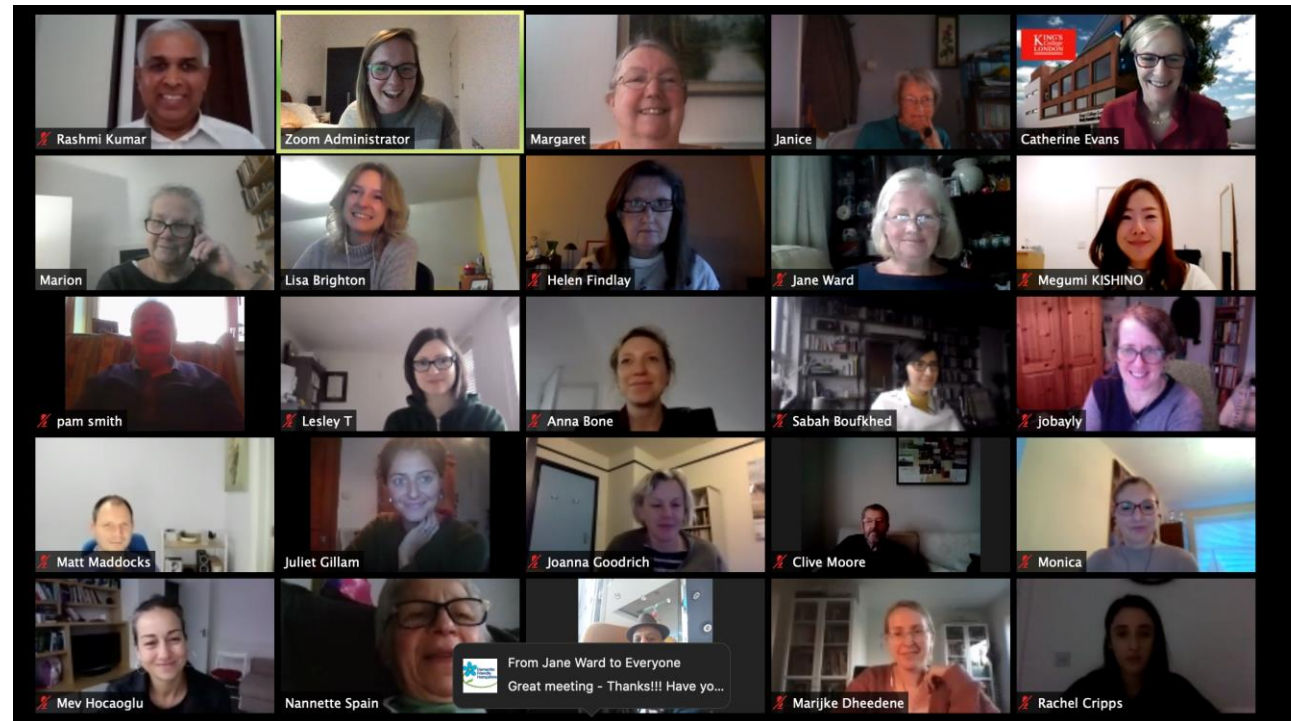


Examples of strengths

- Increasingly involving people earlier (including pre-funding)
- Flexibility in involvement opportunities
- Quality relationships

Examples of areas for improvement

- Capturing and promoting the impact of public involvement
- Diversity and inclusion
- Further support and training





Executive group to monitor strategy progress, including:

- Evaluation forms following workshops & events
- Verbal feedback during annual staff training
- Collating any feedback completed by individual projects (e.g. using GRIPP-2 SF or National Standards)
- Repeating membership audit

Will seek feedback on progress with strategy goals at end of 2023 (e.g. survey asking how well (or not) our goals were met)



Challenges & Learning



Challenges

- Ad-hoc funding
- Requires dedicated time, on top of usual activities
- Snapshot of fluid involvement practices
- Project proposals and changing expectations

Benefits

- Identified strengths and areas for improvement
- Prompted reflection and skills sharing
- Supported strategy action plan

Reflections for our ARC involvement evaluation

- Link the evaluation directly with the involvement strategy aims
- Consider both numerical and experiential information
- Capture progress, as we all have different starting points
- Be clear when evaluating at structural versus project levels
- Maximise on existing reporting



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