

# Involving people in research: The Involving People Network

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## What is meant by public involvement in research?

- **Involvement** – where members of the public are actively involved in research projects and in research organisations.



## Public involvement is not

- **Participation** – where people take part in a research study.



- **Engagement** – where information and knowledge about research is provided and disseminated.



## Why is public involvement in research important?

Ensures the public are equal partners.

Ensures the public have a voice.

Leads to research that is relevant to people's needs and concerns.

Funders of research and ethics committees expect it.



## What does public involvement in research look like?

It spans planning, delivering and disseminating research findings.

It could be with researchers, policy makers, charities, funders and health and social care professionals.



## How can we ensure public involvement in research happens?

**The Involving People Network** is supported by the Health and Care Research Wales Public Involvement & Engagement Team.

Members of the public can **join the Involving People Network** and use their experience as a patient, carer or service user to make a difference.

Network members are provided with training and support and can get involved in a wide range of opportunities across a variety of disease areas.

*For further information visit the website, contact the Team on 02920 230457 or email [research-involvement@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:research-involvement@wales.nhs.uk)*



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## Public

Members of the public play an essential role in making research happen across Wales. Find out how you can make a difference today. Got a question? Call our friendly Team on 02920 230457.



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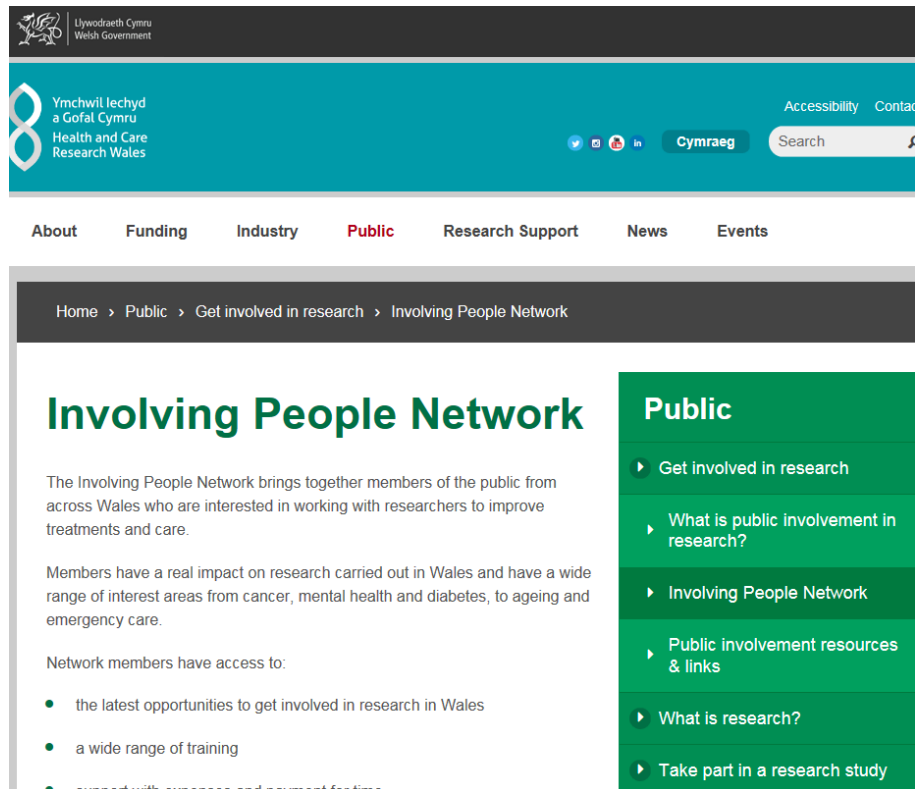
Get involved: use your  
experience



What is research?



Be inspired



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## Involving People Network

The Involving People Network brings together members of the public from across Wales who are interested in working with researchers to improve treatments and care.

Members have a real impact on research carried out in Wales and have a wide range of interest areas from cancer, mental health and diabetes, to ageing and emergency care.

Network members have access to:

- the latest opportunities to get involved in research in Wales
- a wide range of training
- support with expenses and payment for time

### Public

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“ Working for the  
good of others  
living with the  
same, or similar,  
conditions as you,  
is a very positive  
thing to do. ”

**Margaret,  
Involving People  
Network Member**

## Involving People Network

Did you know members of the public from across Wales are working with researchers to improve treatments and care?

Join the Involving People Network and you can use your experience as a patient, carer or service user to make a difference.

### Get in touch with us to find out more:

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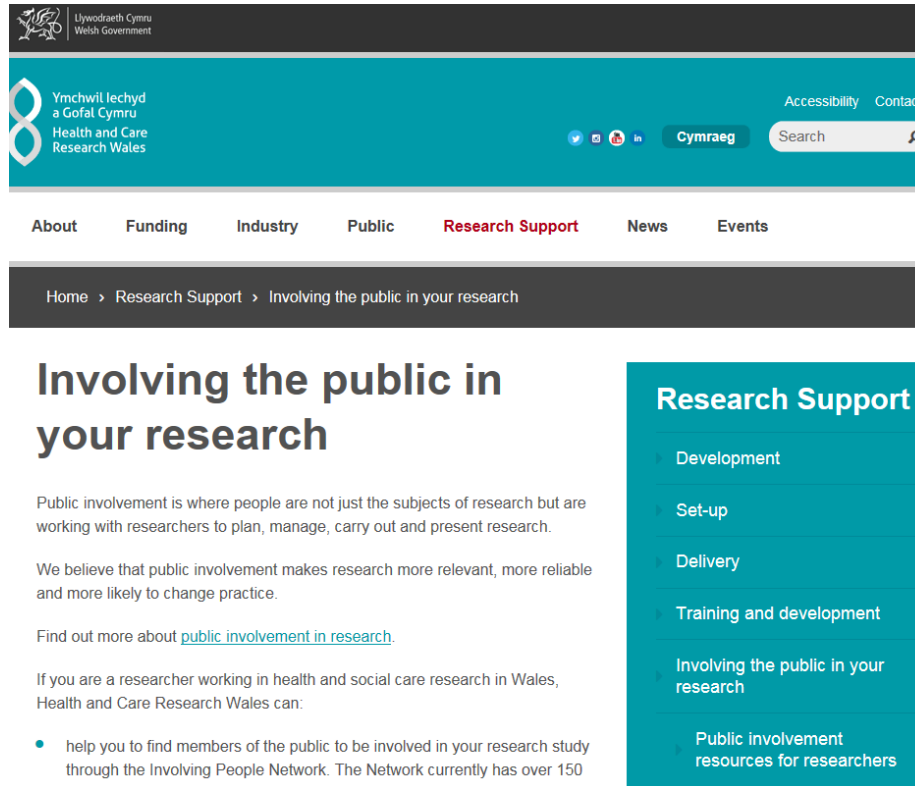
[www.gov.uk/healthandcareresearch/public](http://www.gov.uk/healthandcareresearch/public)

## Supporting Researchers

If you are a researcher working in health and social care research in Wales, we can:

- help you to find members of the public to be involved in your research study through the Involving People Network.
- provide information, guidance and training on how to involve the public in your research.

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## Involving the public in your research

Public involvement is where people are not just the subjects of research but are working with researchers to plan, manage, carry out and present research.

We believe that public involvement makes research more relevant, more reliable and more likely to change practice.

Find out more about [public involvement in research](#).

If you are a researcher working in health and social care research in Wales, Health and Care Research Wales can:

- help you to find members of the public to be involved in your research study through the Involving People Network. The Network currently has over 150

### Research Support

- Development
- Set-up
- Delivery
- Training and development
- Involving the public in your research**
- Public involvement resources for researchers

## Quote from a health care professional at a national research conference 2016

**‘It is important to hear things from the patients perspective,** it just reminds us that behind every diagnosis there is a person, a human being with all the emotions and life challenges that everyone of us has but **sometimes we lose sight of what is important** in the midst of data and targets’

# The personal story of a member of the public who is involved. Alan Meudell

