

# The effect of deprivation on access to hearing health care services in Wales

**Opportunity category**

Green

**Deadline**

12:00 on 18th December 2020

**Who can get involved?**

Individuals who have:

- Lived experience of hearing loss
- Prior experience and training in public involvement is desirable.
- Specific expertise or experience such as reviewing documents for a research funding application is desirable

Welcome are

- Representatives with low Socioeconomic status
- Representatives from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) group

You need to be registered with the involvement community to submit an expression of interest. Members of the public who have not registered are invited to submit a [registration form](#) to become part of the involvement community.

### **Background information**

By looking at patient records for adults at Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University (ABMU) Health Board it was found that the most deprived people experienced hearing loss at younger ages, but waited longer before seeking help than people living in more affluent areas.

This project plans to:

- Look at all seven Welsh health boards to provide a national picture of all those seeking the help of hearing services.

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### **Location:**

Meetings will take place online in the first instance

### **Host Institution:**

Wales Centre for Primary and Emergency Care Research (PRIME)

Submit EOI

(expression of interest)

- To measure levels of hearing loss in the Welsh population, compare it to the numbers of people getting help for hearing problems and ask people about the barriers to getting help for hearing problems.
- look at access to NHS hearing services before and after COVID-19

### **What is required?**

5-10 people to

- give opinions on the development of the research project; identify research priorities / outcomes that are important to the public
- Provide feedback on public facing material (e.g. questionnaire)
- Comment on study conduct (e.g. ensure that the methods proposed for the study are acceptable and sensitive to the situation of the research participants)

If the application for funding is successful different levels of involvement will be offered for all stages of the study through to dissemination of results. There may be opportunities to attend periodic meetings (3-4 per year) or review written documents and provide feedback (3-4 documents).

### **What reward is offered for taking part?**

The public involvement and engagement team will:

- Cover reasonable travel expenses and additional carer or child care costs, prior to project funding.
- Offer payment for time of up to £20 per hour prior to project funding (people can request less if they are in receipt of state benefits).

Please refer to our guidelines for expenses and payment for time, which includes information on pre-approval of expenses process. For those in receipt of state benefit confidential advice is available via the [Benefits Advice Service for Involvement](#).

As a registered member of the community you will also have access to support from the public involvement and engagement team and the Health and Care Research Wales training programme.

### **What further support is available?**

Support from the research team and if chosen we will sign post you to available training

### **How do I register my interest?**

Complete an [expression of interest \(EOI\) form](#)

Access to expressions of interest is secure, restricted and dealt with confidentially.

### **Next steps**

The public involvement team is advertising this opportunity on behalf of the opportunity lead (researcher and/or other professional) to find members of the public to be involved in their work.

We will review and send on appropriate expressions of interest to the opportunity lead (researcher and/or other professional).

You will be contacted either by the team or by the opportunity lead (researcher and/or other professional).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us by [email](#) or call 02920 230 457.