

# The future and vision for involving and engaging the public in Wales with health and social care research

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# Public Involvement and Engagement with Research



- Health and Care Research Wales aims to encourage research in order to help improve health and wellbeing of the people of Wales
- All our activity is underpinned by the belief the people of Wales have a key role to play in driving research quality and relevance
- Research that **is more relevant to people's needs and concerns**
- Coproduction - equal relationship between patient and professionals

# Progress to date

- Since 2005 funded 'Cynnwys Pobl - Involving People'
- Building strength and expertise
- Made considerable progress
- Provides a solid foundation on which to build on for the future ....
- Restructuring exercise
- **Our aim is to capitalise on work to date, create a unique environment in which Wales can become a world leader for engaging with and involving the public in research**



# Our ambition

Our ambition is to create an environment where **the population of Wales is pro-actively engaged with research** and able to help **prioritise, influence** and **shape** health and social care research in Wales

- ❖ Greater public awareness and understanding of research and its benefits
- ❖ People are empowered and enabled to become involved and participate in research
- ❖ Establish Wales as a centre of excellence for meaningful public involvement



# Our ambition

Encourage opportunities for public and patients across Wales to be involved in **prioritising, shaping, designing** and **delivering** high quality health and social care research



# What does this look like?

- ❖ Increased numbers of people involved with and taking part in research
- ❖ Agenda setting and prioritising
- ❖ Inclusivity and Equality
- ❖ Dialogue – listening, enabling and informing
- ❖ Routine and expected element in all H&SC research activity in Wales
- ❖ Consistency and excellence across Wales
- ❖ Patients routinely offered opportunities to participate and be involved
- ❖ People able to find and ask about research opportunities
- ❖ People are acknowledged and valued for their contribution



# How will we achieve this?

Develop an overarching programme of work to ensure effective coordination and collaboration to help achieve our ambitions



Three interrelated components:

- **HealthWise Wales** – new national initiative to raise awareness of research and encourage people to take part in research
- The Health and Care Research Wales **Support Centre** – delivery of public involvement activities including resources, advice and guidance for public and researchers
- The Health and Care Research Wales **Infrastructure** – direct responsibility for facilitating public involvement and engagement in work programme

Balance between central coordination and onus on researchers for increased responsibility

# Next steps



## Immediate:

- ❖ Scoping exercise across the Infrastructure
- ❖ Review of activity
- ❖ Support Centre Delivery Plan
- ❖ Policy direction

## Longer term:

- ❖ Cultural change amongst public and researchers
- ❖ Use our influence to champion interests of the public in research in Wales more widely
- ❖ On-going, long term involvement mechanisms for HealthWise Wales

