

Involving the  
public in  
shaping Public  
Involvement

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DECIPHer brings together leading experts from a range of disciplines to tackle public health issues such as **mental health and wellbeing, positive social relationships, diet and nutrition, physical activity** and **tobacco, alcohol and drugs**, with a particular focus on developing and evaluating multi-level system approaches that will have an impact on the **health and wellbeing of children and young people.**



Public Health Improvement Research Networks (PHIRNs)



Research

# Centre for Trials Research

- Research**
- Divisions
- Research Design and Conduct Service
- Research themes
- Studies and trials

## Research



Increasing research capacity in Wales, and building partnerships with researchers globally to design, conduct and publish well-designed trials and studies.

## Research portfolio

Our current [research portfolio](#) is extensive and covers behaviour change, solid cancer and blood cancers, children and young people, and infections. We are continuing to develop well-designed studies outside our core areas, including trials for medical devices, and are establishing a portfolio of research on the older person.

We are willing to consider any well-designed study or trial idea, even those outside our current areas of research. We encourage researchers to contact us about potential project ideas and new partnerships together.



### [Studies and trials](#)

Our portfolio of work includes drugs trials and complex interventions, mechanisms of disease and treatments, cohort studies and informing policy and practice.

[Browse our studies and trials](#)

# What do we mean by involving the public in shaping Public Involvement?

## **Group/organisational level**

How to deliver key aspects of public involvement (e.g. training, improving processes and reviewing progress)

Developing a public involvement strategy

Influencing how public involvement is integrated within research activity

# DECIPHER Centre

Advisory group of young people works with researchers on specific projects (ALPHA)

Public Involvement Steering Group (PISG) advises on strategic direction and acts as 'critical friend'

ALPHA members now part of PISG

- Can report on activities of ALPHA group
- Help ensure that Public Involvement Strategy has input and critique from the public

ALPHA group also consulted on overall centre strategy at key points (e.g. funding renewal, prioritisation setting)

# Centre for Trials Research

Centre has a Public Involvement and Engagement Hub with academic lead – Dr Claire Nollett

- Coordinates and has oversight of public involvement and engagement work
- Provides advice on PI&E in the Centre and shapes strategy
- Produces guidance for researchers and public partners

PI&E Hub has two lay representatives

Lay representatives also members of the Centre's Study Adoption Group

# Challenges and reflections

**“The Hub is on a journey rather than at its destination”**

Developing systems and learning how to do this work well takes time

Capacity and training needs for those involved

Who do we mean when we talk about the public?

Significant potential of applying principles of public involvement in research studies to organisational practices and strategy

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## **CTR PI&E Hub**

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