

# Public involvement in question prioritisation

Peninsula CLAHRC  
Public and Patient Involvement Community



# Principles guiding involvement in PenCLAHRC

Members of the public, service users and carers should be:

- valued as full and equal members of any research team
- provided with adequate practical support, including access to information, IT facilities and opportunities for training
- be paid and reimbursed at a fair rate for any activities they undertake

# The Peninsula Public Involvement Group (PenPIG)

- Patient led advisory group.
- Members of the public, service users and carers.
- Two PenCLAHRC academics
- Meetings are chaired by non academic members in rotation.
- Aims to advise PenCLAHRC on all aspects of user involvement.
- Representation on PenCLAHRC's Management Board
- Representation on stakeholder group which prioritises research projects.

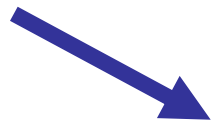
# Involving the public in prioritisation



**Question generation workshops**



**Website submission**



**PenCLAHRC Executive sift**



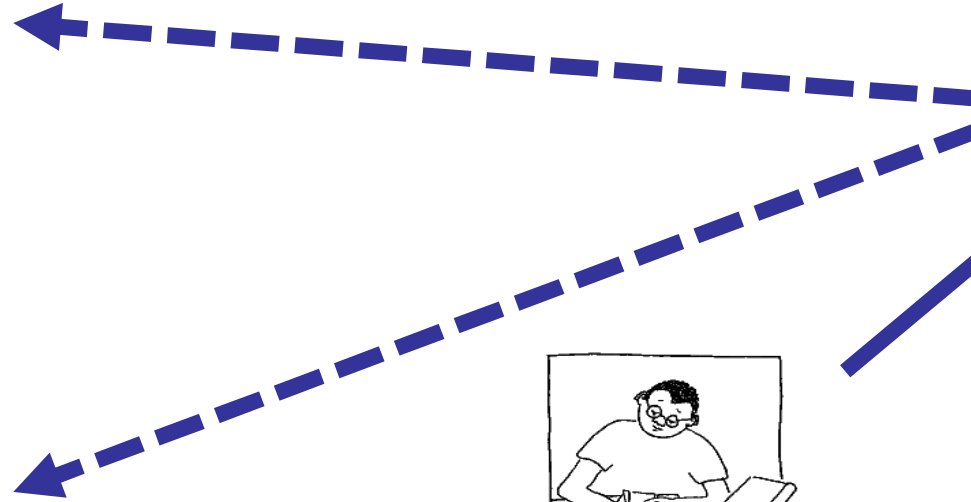
**Evidence synthesis team**



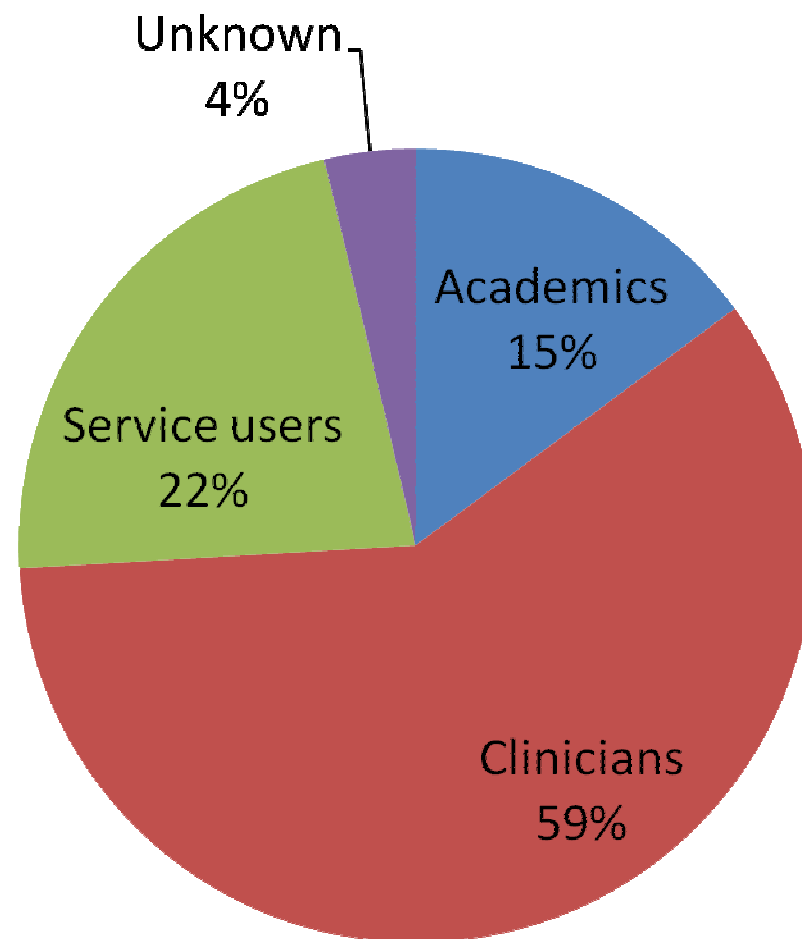
**Stakeholder prioritisation**



**Peninsula Public Involvement Group**



# Who submitted the questions prioritised



# Barriers

- Time
- Technical terms and acronyms
- Confidence
- Techniques
- Processes
- Time

# How we addressed them

- Feedback to Executive
  - more time
  - improved briefings
  - jargon buster
- Feedback to PenPIG
  - from representatives
  - from Executive
- Developing processes and tools
  - representation
  - PICO based assessment form
  - safe space for discussion

# The evolved process

- Briefing documents circulated
- Members choose which questions to lead on
- Use PICO template to explain assess questions
- Presentation and discussion of projects
- Vote to construct prioritised list
- Nominate representatives
- Feedback from prioritisation meeting



# Experiences of involvement

- “An equal voice with researchers and clinicians”
- “Not just rubber stamping reports about what other people are doing”
- “As well as contributing to work of the CLAHRC we learn about the issues facing other service users in the Peninsula”
- “Amazing to see the democratic process of prioritisation in practice, and to realise the enormous value of public experience in partaking in this”
- “We all shared personal experiences that highlighted the need for research in the proposed areas, making ourselves vulnerable for the purpose of better research in the future. What an amazing thing!”

# Thank you

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