

Patient and public involvement in biomedical research
A one day workshop for researchers
12 July 2012 9.30 (for a 10.00 start) - 16.00
ROOM 432, SSEES, 16 Taviton Street, London, WC1H 0BW

Your trainers will be:

Bec Hanley

Bec has spent the past 10 years working to promote the involvement of people who use services in health care and health research. She was the director of the INVOLVE (formerly Consumers in NHS Research) Support Unit for five years and is currently co-director of TwoCan Associates (www.twocanassociates.co.uk), a company which provides support to a range of organisations to develop patient and public involvement (PPI) in research, policy and services. Bec has worked as a trainer and facilitator for the past 20 years, working with service users, carers, community workers, clinicians and researchers in the UK and in Australia. She has also undertaken a number of research projects in relation to PPI in health research, including two evaluations for the UK Clinical Research Collaboration. She is an advisor to the MRC Clinical Trials Unit on PPI.

Derek Stewart

Derek was treated successfully for cancer of the larynx in 1995. A former teacher working with challenging pupils, Derek became involved in numerous aspects of patient involvement at a local, network and national levels.

As former Chair of the National Cancer Research Institute Consumer Liaison Group, Derek assisted with the increase in patient participation in the establishment and work of the National Cancer Research Institute. Derek is a Trustee for onCore UK, the national cancer tissue resource, Chair of the Confederation of Cancer Biobanks and a member of the Cancer Reform Strategy Advisory Board.

From 2001 until 2006 Derek was Chair of Gedling Primary Care Trust in Nottinghamshire. In 2005 he took up the role as Chair of Nottingham City Crime and Drugs Partnership where crime is now down by more than 30% and 3000 people have received drug treatment.

Derek still works as a freelance consultant with his own company providing training on patient and public involvement across charity and public sector. This contribution to health services in particular cancer led to being awarded an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours list 2006.

More recently, Derek was appointed as an Associate Director for patient and public involvement for the National Institute for Health Research Clinical Research Networks Coordinating Centre.