RDS YH Public Involvement and Engagement Strategy

The NIHR Research Design Service for Yorkshire and Humber's (RDS YH) mission for public involvement is to promote appropriate and meaningful public involvement in the research we support. RDS YH believe involving people who have personal knowledge and experience of a research topic as a patient, service user or carer will strengthen and improve the quality of research and make it more relevant and appropriate.
RDS YH Objectives

In order to achieve our overall aim, we will:

1. Provide high quality, evidence based public involvement support and guidance for researchers at the grant application stage.
2. Facilitate and monitor public involvement throughout RDS YH strategic activities.
3. Provide financial support for high quality public involvement activities related to the development of national, peer reviewed funding applications.
4. Provide leadership and direction to bring together the practice of public involvement in health and social care research conducted in Yorkshire and Humber.
5. Develop and maintain the skills and knowledge in public involvement amongst RDS YH advisers so that a high quality, up-to-date advice is provided.
6. Work nationally with INVOLVE, NIHR, RDS's and other national stakeholders in relation to our public involvement work.
7. Further increase diversity and promote awareness of public involvement in research.

Objective 1: Provide high quality, evidence based public involvement support and guidance for researchers at the grant application stage

To meet this objective, the public involvement lead and specialist advisers will:

- Provide ongoing advice to researchers to encourage effective ways of working with members of the public in research design so that public involvement is embedded throughout the project e.g. relevance of topic, feasibility, dissemination of results.
- Provide support to establish appropriate means for gaining lay perspectives and input.
- Review NIHR applications to ensure appropriate public involvement is embedded and provide feedback on where work is required.
- Work with partners and stakeholders to actively develop best practice around public involvement.
- Contribute to learning events to help researchers develop an understanding of public involvement right from the early stages of their research e.g. Fellowship Events, Grant writing workshops.

Objective 2: Facilitate and monitor public involvement throughout RDS YH strategic activities

To meet this objective, we will:

- Work with our Public Involvement Forum to consult and receive advice on our public involvement strategy and work plan activities to ensure this is embedded adequately.
- Invite two public members from our Public Involvement Forum to attend RDS YH Executive meetings to support public involvement lead and contribute to discussion all parts of the structure.
- Provide public involvement input at all quarterly Manager meetings via public involvement lead.
- Use public involvement standards as a framework to report and reflect on public involvement activity across RDS YH.
Objective 3: Provide financial support and constructive feedback to researchers to carry out meaningful public involvement when submitting to nationally peer reviewed funding streams

To meet this objective, the public involvement lead and specialist advisers will:

- Provide tailored constructive written feedback to all applicants submitting to RDS public involvement funds by our expert public involvement panel which includes at least two lay members.
- Review and monitor public involvement activities funded by our public involvement funds, looking for innovative examples to be published on RDS YH website.

Objective 4: Provide leadership and direction to bring together the practice of public involvement in health and social care research conducted in Yorkshire and Humber

To meet this objective, the public involvement lead and specialist advisers will:

- Work with our established regional network ‘NIHR Voices’ to share best practice, avoid duplication of effort and increase efficiency overall.
- Work with NIHR Voices to evaluate public involvement standards and review how these can be embedded into local practice.
- Create case studies examples of best practice and impact.

Objective 5: Develop and maintain the skills and knowledge in public involvement amongst RDS YH advisers so that a high quality, up-to-date advice is provided

To meet this objective, the public involvement lead and specialist advisers will:

- Provide public involvement induction to all new RDS staff and ensure public involvement section of RDS YH induction pack is updated accordingly.
- Provide training and support workshops at RDS away days.
- Provide additional ad hoc expert support to frontline advisers as and when necessary
- Provide quarterly update for all RDS advisers on any new national, regional and local public involvement developments. This includes providing updates at local meetings for staff in York, Sheffield and Leeds.

Objective 6: Work nationally with INVOLVE, NIHR, RDS’s and other national stakeholders on work related to public involvement

To meet this objective, the public involvement lead and specialist advisers will:

- Provide input and contribute to national projects via the RDS Public Involvement Community (PIC) group meeting.
- Provide input and support the national senior public involvement group.
- Provide input into national INVOLVE conference and other national learning events.
- Work with RDS SC to update the national RDS public involvement handbook to focus on the design stage of the research.
Objective 7: Further increase diversity and promote awareness of Public involvement in research

To meet this objective, we will:

- Provide training and support to Public Involvement Forum to ensure they are aware of diversity and inclusion issues and importance.
- Ensure all advisers are in receipt of diversity and inclusion training from host institutions.
- Review membership of our Public Involvement Forum annually to ensure diverse group.
- Extend membership of our Public Involvement Forum to include young people.
- Promote the importance of diversity and inclusion within public involvement through our RDS client meetings and feedback.
- Work with the YH Clinical Research Network, YH Applied Research Collaboration and INVOLVE to deliver a reaching out engagement project working with the Gypsy and Traveller community within Yorkshire and Humber, using a community development approach.
- Work with national PIC to provide support for appropriate means to engage people and communities.
- Raise awareness of best practice examples of inclusive diverse public involvement via our website using reports from our RDS public involvement funds.
# Operational Plan

## 2018-2023

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<td>Build relationships, share ideas, and work with others to support researchers in our region and nationally to develop NIHR research that reflects the diversity of our communities, is relevant and adds value to research. Lay members develop skills and understanding, to ensure continual development of innovative approaches to involvement.</td>
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<td>Review Task, roles and responsibilities</td>
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