

Introduction to Stakeholder Participation at SCIE

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How is SCIE's Participation work undertaken?

- SCIE's participation team manages the projects set out in the participation work programme. This includes resources and activities to promote and support stakeholder participation.

What do we mean by stakeholder participation?

- Participation of service users, carers and social care staff in the development of social care good practice.
- Drawing on their expert knowledge about social care and ways policies, procedures and practices could be improved to achieve better outcomes.
- Incorporating this knowledge into our research findings and good practice guides.

Introduction to one of SCIE's Participation activities

- SCIE Practice Partners' Network

What does it do?

- Suggests ideas for the SCIE work plan
- Provides comment on project work, participates in tender boards
- identifies good practice for practice surveys,
- membership of a reference group;
- field-testing the guide or other product

Who is in it?

- 40 members from across England, Wales and Northern Ireland
- Statutory, voluntary, service user-led, independent sector representation
- Sign-up for a 2 year period

Future work on stakeholder participation

- Exploring the participation of service users that are seldom heard.
- The participation of adult service users, including older people, in developing social care practice guide.
- Measuring the effectiveness of service user and carer participation.
- Service user payments and the benefits system helpline.
- Service user networks database.

What are some of the current stakeholder participation resources?

- Race equality discussion papers: The social care needs of refugees and asylum seekers.
- The participation of children and young people in developing social care (online practice guide).
- Implementing the Carers (Equal Opportunities) Act 2004 (online practice guide).

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