

Building user and carer involvement in social work education



The government has said that people who use social care services must be part of teaching social work to students.



This is important because social workers will do a better job if they understand how people feel and what they want.



People who use services should help to plan courses.



They should also tell social work students what they do well and what they need to do better.



It is important to understand how people who use social care are different from carers.



It is important for universities and colleges to work with user and carer groups. This helps to involve more people.



People who use services and carers need training to help teach social work students.



People who use services and carers should be paid for their work. Sometimes this affects the benefits they receive, which is a problem.