

Towards co-production: taking participation to the next level

Easy read summary



People think SCIE is good at working with service users and carers.



But it is always good to think about how we can do it better.



We got researchers to talk to the users and carers on the SCIE Partners' Council and people who work at SCIE to find out what they think about involvement at SCIE.



They said we need to make sure everyone at SCIE knows it is important to work with users and carers.



They said we need to be clear about why we work with service users and carers.



They said we need to make sure that working with service users and carers makes our work better.



To do this we have decided to start doing co-production with service users and carers.



Co-production means doing everything with service users and carers as equal partners.



We are writing a paper that says why we think co-production is important and how we will do it.



We are making sure everyone who works at SCIE knows about and supports co-production.



We will get service user and carer groups to do more work and projects with us.



We will be looking at everything we do to make sure co-production is part of everything we do.



We will have a new co-production network with users and carers to replace the Partners' Council.



There will also be people from groups for black people and gay people and other groups in the network.



We will make sure that older people and young people are included.



The network will have two meetings every year.



One meeting will talk about how SCIE works with members of the committee in charge of SCIE.



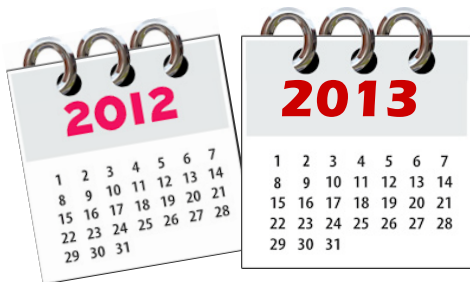
The other meeting will talk about SCIE's work and projects with SCIE staff.



The chair of the network will be a service user and will be a member of SCIE's board.



We will be looking at how we can use the internet to help service users and carers to be part of our work.



SCIE will be making these changes in 2012 and 2013.