

Policy Greenhouse Collaboration Initiatives: Project Brief

Improving Research Impact through Public Involvement and Knowledge Exchange with Policy Makers

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Policy context

There is a growing consensus that non-academics should be actively involved in research design, conduct and translation. There is an opportunity for institutional reform, that normalises the involvement of people with lived experience and policy makers in research.

Project

This Collaborative Initiative aims to establish a College of Health and Medicine (CHM) Public Involvement Committee to inform research and knowledge exchange with policy makers. The benefits of the Public Involvement Committee and knowledge exchange with policy makers will be demonstrated in two case studies: one established project focused on cardiovascular disease; and one research project in development focused on service improvement for people with severe mental health issues. Both case studies are based in the ACT and therefore people with lived experience of cardiovascular disease or mental health issues who reside in the ACT will be recruited as members of the Public Involvement Committee at this time.

Expected outcomes

A co-designed and demonstrated process that supports public involvement and knowledge exchange with policymakers to optimise research impact, including frameworks and guidelines. Use outputs from this project to strengthen post project funding proposals to extend the membership of the Public Involvement Committee and to support increased involvement of non-academics in research and knowledge exchange with policy makers at CHM.