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| Principle | Indicator (s) |
| Are the consumer roles agreed between the researchers and consumers involved in the research? | The roles of consumers in the research are documented. |
| Do researchers budget appropriately for the costs of consumer involvement in research? | Researchers apply for funding to involve consumers in the research.  Consumers are reimbursed for their travel costs  Consumers are reimbursed for their indirect costs (e.g. carer costs). |
| Do researchers respect the differing skills, knowledge and experience of consumers? | The contribution of consumers—their skills, knowledge and experience—are included in research reports and papers.  Consumers’ training needs related to their involvement in the research are agreed between consumers and researchers. |
| Are consumers offered training and personal support, to enable them to be involved in research? | Consumers have access to training to facilitate their involvement in the research.  Mentors are available to provide personal and technical support to consumers. |
| Do researchers ensure they have the necessary skills to involve consumers in the research process? | Researchers ensure that their own training needs are met in relation to involving consumers in the research. |
| Are consumers involved in decisions about how the research participants are both recruited and kept informed about the progress of the research? | Consumers give advice to researchers on how to recruit participants to the research.  Consumers give advice to researchers on how to keep participants informed about the progress of the research. |
| Is consumer involvement described in research reports? | The involvement of consumers in the research reports and publications is acknowledged.  Details are given in the research reports and publications of how consumers are involved in the research process. |
| Are research findings available to consumers in formats and in language they can easily understand? | Research findings are disseminated to consumers involved in the research in appropriate formats (e.g. large print, translations, audio, Braille).  The distribution of the research findings to relevant consumer groups is in appropriate formats and easily understandable language.  Consumers involved in the research give their advice on the choice of methods used to distribute the research findings. |

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