

Abstract Title Involving Consumers and Community Members in Setting Research Priorities

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Background

The Western Australian Consumer and Community Health Research Network (the Network) is a platform of the WA Health Translation Network. The Network's role is to support researchers, consumer and community members to work in partnership to make decisions about research priorities, policy and practice. There are growing reports internationally for community members to be involved in setting research priorities¹. However in Australia processes for seeking community input into research priorities are ad-hoc. The UK has developed methodology to support involvement in research priority setting with the James Lind Alliance Priority Setting Partnerships.

Objectives

The aim of the Priority Setting Partnership is to identify a 'top ten' list of community priorities to inform future research on a given topic. In 2016 The Network worked with a UK consultant to adapt the James Lind Alliance Priority Setting Process for use in Australia.

Method

The Network has now conducted three priority setting projects using this abridged method in the areas of: Family and Domestic Violence, Alcohol Consumption in Pregnancy and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder; and Planning for Living Longer. The method includes an online survey, theming the survey responses and holding a consensus workshop to prioritise the themes.

Results

Each project has developed a 'top ten' list of priorities which will be used in a range of ways to influence and inform future research². These 'top ten' lists are being made available to researchers, funding bodies, government and non-government agencies and community organisations.

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