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(on behalf of the RReACH team)**

RReACH Seminar ("Residents Research-Active in Care Homes")

"You must get our opinion because it's very easy to assume": Older care home residents and the impact of research activity

Seminar Presentation

"Nothing about us without us" is a widely-agreed concept supporting patient and public (PPI) involvement on research, to make people's voices count, which has the potential to improve research and give it wider positive impact. The relationships built up during this process enable learning and influence on all sides. However, as we argue here, the capacity of some populations such as older care-home residents to engage in research might not be recognised.

This seminar will discuss our experiences of collaborating with older care-home residents and older people from the community in our CLAHRC-funded research, "Residents Research-Active in Care Homes" (RReACH), such groups being typically overlooked as active collaborators within research. RReACH explored how older care-home residents can engage successfully in research. Given the distinct circumstances and perspectives of residents in care homes, we wish highlight to academic and service-provider communities the impact of research activity on our collaborators and how assumptions about care-home residents' views could be overcome. We draw on findings from the RReACH systematic review, interviews with care-home residents and staff, and stakeholder workshop in examining the lessons for translation and mutual impact for many sectors involved in care.

Link to RReACH project website:

<https://www.uea.ac.uk/health-sciences/research/older-people-and-long-term-conditions/residents-research-active-in-care-homes>

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Brief Biography

Kathleen Lane is a qualitative researcher in the School of Health Sciences whose research interests include social engagement and participation in later life, service user experience and psycho-social consequences of disability.

Kathleen is presenting on behalf of the RReACH Team whose other members are:

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