



# The Integrated Care System Community-led Research Engagement and Prioritisation Project



## Introduction

- In partnership with VCSE organisations across Herefordshire and Worcestershire, our aim is to widen engagement in health and care research across the region to better understand and ultimately reduce health inequalities
- The project is funded by the Clinical Research Network West Midlands for 12 months
- This will be a co-produced activity, reflecting the lived experiences and health agendas of people across both counties
- Together, we aim to co-design a community-led research framework which can be sustained beyond the life of this project



## Initial engagement conversations

- Working with community members, we would like to explore what health and care research means to them, exploring beliefs, values, and expectations
- Sharing concerns that certain groups are poorly represented in research, the barriers to getting involved, and how research should be done differently
- Would communities like to be actively involved in co-producing research; designing and delivering community-specific projects?
- What types of research questions do communities think are important to explore
- Working with communities to develop a training resource to support communities to undertake their own research



## Our intended outputs

- 'Toolkit' of sustainable research engagement model(s) including resource requirements
- Network of Research Community Champions representing their communities
- Co-produced training and support resources for Research Community Champions and their communities
- At least one co-produced research project in planning/ funding application underway, with support from the University of Worcester, and at least one NHS provider





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