



#### East of England Citizens' Senate

## Citizens' Senate meeting no 26

18<sup>th</sup> August 2020

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Moderator:



## Agenda



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❖ Housekeeping 5mins

❖ Introduction to Eastern's Mental Health portfolio & PPI (Nick Clarke, Principal Advisor, Eastern AHSN) 20mins

❖ How are you coping with the pandemic?

20mins

- How has COVID impacted you?
- One thing COVID has thought you?
- Anything positive?

Convenience BREAK

5mins

❖ Impact of COVID on Patient & Public Involvement (PPI)

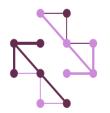
20mins

Sharing your experience

20mins



## **COVID** impact



## How are you coping with the pandemic? 3 mins each

How has COVID impacted you?

One thing COVID has thought you?

Anything positive?



## The case for change!



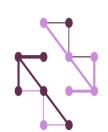


NHS Reset is about dealing with COVID, whilst maintaining quality of care

- This means finding new ways of doing things
  - PPI should be central to the change

'Patient Engagement must not be a causality of COVID'





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# Creating a citizens' panel







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## What is a citizens' panel?

- A virtual body of local residents who helps to identify local priorities and to consult service users and non-users
- Demographically representative of the local population
- Opportunity to hear wide range of voices reflecting local opinion
- Ensures public involvement in developing plans and services







### How does it work?

- External agency carries out recruitment
- This recruitment can be face-to-face or by telephone
- People agreeing to take part share contact details and fill in a questionnaire
- The recruitment agency ensures they recruit correct quotas according to our population profile
- Once established our panel, which we call "Virtual Voices" are sent surveys every six to eight weeks
- The responses are analysed and feedback reports created
- Some people may be asked to participate in focus groups to clarify survey responses







## Benefits

- Meets the NHS Constitution's commitment to involve people in planning healthcare on a larger scale
- Ensuring the services being planned reflect the needs of a wide section of local people
- Compliments existing engagement and participation channels
- Makes sure minority groups or those who struggle to access services have a voice







## **PPI Concerns about Virtual Panels**

Existing SUAG - Chairs of PPGs, HealthWatch, Health & Wellbeing, District Councils, CVS, including Community Champions on CCG reference groups

- Difficult to collaborate
- One-way communications
- No real time discussion
- Survey responses are opaque
- Difficult to garner public support

- Disbanding established patient groups risks trust and goodwill
- Autocratic approach will alienate the public
- Unproven method of reaching under represented /BAME groups



## A Call to Action!



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- Will require oversight by scrutinizing and challenging where appropriate, but....
- We should support the initiative and be part of the solution, not the problem
- Give it a try if it works effectively, then no problem
- Ask for transparency in membership and check if demographically representative
- Patient & public should be involved in reviewing outputs and survey responses, to avoid selective analysis
  - Will require a huge effort on our part, which may not be possible for everyone



## Register of opportunities



| Date    | Event / Report   |
|---------|--|
| 6/5/20  | NHS Responders for volunteer programme   |
| 6/5/20  | Health Foundation developing new online resource user testing                                  |
| 8/5/20  | Join NHS Helpforce – a plan to recognize the volunteering effort                               |
| 22/5/20 | Webinar discussion relating to engagement in research during COVID                             |
| 29/6/20 | Survey from Piers Ricketts, CEO, Eastern AHSN  |
| 30/6/20 | Health Foundation report on perspectives of the COVID pandemic                                 |
| 1/7/20  | Webinar about NHS Reset - collaboration between AHSNs, Health Foundation and NHS Confederation |
| 17/7/20 | System Transformation Webinar  |
| 23/7/20 | Eastern AHSN annual Impact Review  |
| 24/7/20 | National Voices appeal for sharing your stories and experience during COVID                    |
| 24/7/20 | The Doctor will Zoom you now - pros/cons of virtual patient consultations                      |
| 22/7/20 | King's Fund training on NHS Health & Care Explained  |
| 5/8/20  | ICS Health & Wellbeing opportunity to participate in prevention of type 2 diabetes             |





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