

**NENC Peer Research Community of Practice**

**Notes from meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

- **Presentation from Greta Brunskill North East & North Cumbria VCSE Health and Wellbeing Research Partnerships Coordinator(TBC)**

Title: Peer Research with the Voluntary and Community Sector

- **Chris Gibbs, Research Involvement Coordinator, CNTW Research and Innovation (R&I) Team; Prof. Toby Brandon, Professor in Mental Health & Disability, Northumbria University; Asso. Prof. Mick Hill, Director of Postgraduate Research, Northumbria University**

Title: Piloting a 20 credit Public Patient Involvement Module for public contributors and service users who want to be involved in health & care research

**Notes from discussion**

**Greta**

**Clarification on VONNE and what it delivers.**

Greta gave a further overview of what it does expanding on her slides.

**Gateshead HDRC - can you reach out to VONNE or do you need to be a member.**

Greta confirmed it's a member-based organisation where people can sign up to be involved, free to sign up for organisations using the contact form on the webpage.

**Underrepresented Communities – How do you reach out to the small communities and get them to engage?**

Accessing and having the space can be a challenge, it's on an on-going situation and VONNE are trying to grow and develop within our networks and build on relationships, incentive payments are available to encourage people to give their time but one of the important principles are to make people feel valued.

**\*\*Meg Logan is to add the details to the Research Champions Network to help reach a wider audience \*\***

**Mapping Exercise – to join the dots for public money and make best use and how does Greta’s role fit?**

Mapping exercise have been carried out however what’s also is important is to engage with communities, listen to them, value their opinions and work with them for the best research results.

**Chris & Toby**

More detailed information will be available soon.

[www.northumbria.ac.uk/public](http://www.northumbria.ac.uk/public)

**Additional information/links**

Ange Broadbridge sent additional information on a ‘you said/we did’ approach that she talked about.

[Youth-Led-Peer-Research-Our-Response.pdf \(tnlcommunityfund.org.uk\)](https://tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/Youth-Led-Peer-Research-Our-Response.pdf)

**Date for next meeting**

**Online meeting in May – to be confirmed.**