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Invitation to evaluate service user and carer involvement in a NIHR funded research study on mental health crisis care

We are seeking an individual or organisation to undertake a service user-led evaluation of the quality and impact of involvement in a study on the contribution of the voluntary sector in mental health crisis care. We are keen to understand the difference that service user involvement has made to the study and to distil the learning for future research partnerships.

The study is a national study and is funded by NIHR. The study protocol is available at <https://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/7/11/e019238>.

People with lived experience of a mental health crisis have been involved in three ways in this project:

- As co-researchers
- As members of a Study Reference Group (SRG)
- As members of the Study Steering Group

The aim of the evaluation is to understand the quality of involvement drawing on the National Involvement Partnership's National Involvement Standards (National Survivor User Network for Mental Health (NSUN, 2013) and relevant good practice. The evaluation will involve interviewing service users, carers, academics and partners that have been involved in the different activities, and preparing a brief report.

It is anticipated that this will entail 10-12 days and a budget of up to £10,000 is available. Some travelling will be required. The timescale for this is March - June 2019. The deadline for proposals to be received is February 25th 2019 at 5pm and should be emailed to b.d.costello@bham.ac.uk. The proposals will be considered by members of the Study Reference Group and interviews for applicants will be scheduled for early March.

Further information about the study can be found at:

<https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/social-policy/departments/health-services-management-centre/research/projects/2016/Voluntary-sector-research/The-contribution-of-the-voluntary-sector-to-mental-health-crisis-care-in-England.aspx> or by contacting Dr Karen Newbigging on k.v.newbigging@bham.ac.uk or 07974-929367.