



Sheffield Emergency Care Forum (SECF)

SECF is an independent group of service users representing the general public from the Sheffield and South Yorkshire area. The group assists researchers/clinicians in research studies, which are based on emergency and urgent care. Such research should lead to improvements for emergency care patients in future.

Members of SECF have taken part in many research studies over the last ten years. After the government insistence that all research must have patient and public involvement SECF was formed in 2009 with encouragement from the School of Health and Related Research (SchARR), at the University of Sheffield.

SECF can offer to researchers:

- Service users who are able to represent views of patients and carers from the research design stage through to the dissemination of findings to a public audience
- Our wide experience of using the emergency care services as patients or carers – knowing what needs to be done to improve services for patients
- Experienced members as co-applicants or as steering group members

SECF has:

- Years of experience of pre-hospital and emergency care as patients/carers and can help researchers to develop their research proposals
- Taken part in many research studies over the past ten years, either as a group or as individuals
- Accessed suitable training for new and more experienced members
- Met with other PPI groups to work collaboratively and to learn good practice from each other in order to benefit researchers and patients

SECF follows good practice guidelines when members are involved in research:

- Members usually have travel expenses paid and suitable rates (INVOLVE rates) are paid when we are involved in research
- Our meeting rooms have easy access
- We provide hot drinks and a warm welcome to all
- We circulate our minutes to researchers and clinicians. They often attend our meetings to discuss new proposals and/or research progress with us

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A voluntary group whose members are involved in research relating to urgent and emergency care.



SECF needs new members:

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