

Public & Patient Involvement to Guide Research in Wound Care in an Irish Context. A Round Table Report

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For which topic were research priorities identified?

wound care

In which location was the research priority setting conducted?

Europe - United Kingdom

Why was it conducted at all?

To date, research into interventions to promote wound healing has been led by scientists, clinicians, industry and academics, each with their own particular area of interest. However, the real experts in this area are the people who live with wounds and their families and heretofore their voice has not influenced or shaped the research agenda.

What was the objective?

to seek patient and carer involvement as experts due to their lived experience in wounds to identify research priorities and address a lack of patient and carer involvement in wound care research

What was the outcome?

a list of 5 research topics

How long did the research prioritization take?

No information provided.

Which methods were used to identify research priorities?

group discussion

How were the priorities for research identified exactly?

Step 1: group discussion with roundtables of 8-10 people formed, participants discussed research priorities. Step 2: data processing: thematic analysis of roundtable discussions: 5 main research topics and subtopics emerged. Step 3: participants were invited to review and comment draft report

Which stakeholders took part?

Patients who had experience of wounds, carers for people with wounds, clinicians with experience of wound care and non-clinical academics and researchers with experience and an interest in wounds and their management. 36 participants.

How were stakeholders recruited?

People living with wounds and their carers were invited to attend via radio and newspaper advertising and interviews. Members of the ARIW team who work in the area of wound care also informed patients and staff of the event. In addition, posters were distributed to local primary care centres, wound care clinics and local pharmacies in the West of Ireland. PPI contributors in the open public event included patients who have experience of wounds, their families and carers of people with wounds, wound care clinicians, non-clinical academics and researchers.

Were stakeholders actively involved or did they just participate?

Stakeholders were mere participants of the research prioritization process; they were not actively involved in the process.