**Review of the 2016 Statement on Consumer and Community Involvement in Health and Medical Research – Questions on draft Statement**

Following consultations in 2024 that sought views and opinions on how the Statement could be improved, NHMRC and the Consumers Health Forum of Australia (CHF) have released a draft revised Statement*.*

Revising the Statement provides an opportunity to streamline and refocus the content to help to shape consumer and community involvement policy at all levels into the future. It emphasises the principles and values of consumer and community involvement and the roles and responsibilities of all involved in health and medical research.

You may enter your responses directly using the online survey. If you provide an email address, you can save your progress and return to the survey as many times as you wish while it is open.

This document has been developed for individuals and organisations who would prefer to prepare their responses offline, for entering on NHMRC’s Consultation Hub once complete. It contains the discussion questions in the order that they appear in the online survey.

Please note that none of the questions below are mandatory, and that there is no word or character limit for each question in the online survey. You are welcome to provide a response to as many or as few questions as you wish. You will also be asked some questions about you or your organisation when you complete the online survey.

Please ensure that you have read the Statement (available for download on the ‘Overview’ page of the survey or from [NHMRC’s website](https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/about-us/consumer-and-community-involvement/review-statement-consumer-and-community-involvement-health-and-medical-research/consultation-activities)) prior to answering the questions.

**Expectation of Consumer and Community Involvement in health and medical research**

While the Statement does not mandate consumer and community involvement, it sets high expectations. The goal is for consumer and community involvement to become a routine and integral part of every level, stage and type of health and medical research.

* Does the Statement set clear and suitable expectations that consumers and community will be involved in all stages of research?

Yes

No

Would you like to make further comments?

**Values and Principles of Consumer and Community Involvement**

The Statement outlines the values and principles that are the foundation for effective consumer and community involvement.

* Does the Statement clearly explain the key values and principles that ensure effective consumer and community involvement?

Yes

No

Would you like to make further comments?

**Roles and Responsibilities for Consumer and Community Involvement**

Many of the roles and responsibilities are shared between consumers, communities, consumer organisations, researchers, institutions, and funders, with different individuals and groups responsible for different aspects. Table 1 of the Statement outlines how these responsibilities can be shared.

* Does the Statement clearly explain the **shared roles and responsibilities** of all involved to ensure effective consumer and community involvement?

Yes

No

Would you like to make further comments?

* Does the Statement clearly explain the roles and responsibilities of **consumers, communities, and consumer organisations** that ensure effective consumer and community involvement?

Yes

No

Would you like to make further comments?

* Does the Statement clearly explain the roles and responsibilities of **Researchers** that ensure effective consumer and community involvement?

Yes

No

Would you like to make further comments?

* Does the Statement clearly explain the roles and responsibilities of **Research Institutions** that ensure effective consumer and community involvement?

Yes

No

Would you like to make further comments?

* Does the Statement clearly explain the roles and responsibilities of **Research Funders** that ensure effective consumer and community involvement?

Yes

No

Would you like to make further comments?

**Implementing the Statement**

The Statement is intended to be a high-level, overarching document that does not focus on issues related to implementation of consumer and community involvement in health and medical research. It instead creates a strong expectation of consumer and community involvement in all health and medical research and provides high-level guidance.

Implementation is the process of putting recommendations into practice. Supporting the effective implementation of consumer and community involvement may include things such as providing additional support or resources.

Responses to the questions below may be used to develop implementation guidance once the revised Statement is published.

* What else is needed to support the effective implementation of consumer and community involvement?

**Additional Comments**

* Do you have any additional comments on the Statement?