**Co-production and Involvement Candidate Support Information**

What is Co-production? You can google co-production for a dictionary definition, or you can google ‘Positive examples of co-production’ and if you are intrigued by the results. This could be the job for you.

This video clip is an example of how the Leeds Poverty Truth Commission see co-production.

[**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sq0sryZvNX4**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sq0sryZvNX4)

The SUN Network have had their co-production work recognised on a national level in The Health Service Journal and also as a best practice example for the National Collaborating Centre for Mental Health’s Working Well Together - Evidence and Tools to Enable Co-production in Mental Health Commissioning. So, you can see how important the lived experience voice is to us.

<https://www.sunnetwork.org.uk/working-well-together-positive-practice/>

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This role **is not** a support role (such as a keyworker or similar) and there is no caseload. It is not an advocacy role whereby we are speaking on behalf of others.

Our main role is to amplify the voice of those with lived experience to ensure that **their voices** are heard in commissioning, and service provision.

Some of the main differences between Co-production and Involvement:

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| **Co-production** | **Involvement** |
| Involved right at the very start of a piece of work, and remain involved as an ongoing commitment on all sides | Involvement could happen at any part of the journey; For example, a consultation prior to the project, or evaluation after the project |
| Equal say in all decision making | Influence may not have equity |
| Tends to be smaller groups of people involved at a deeper level | Enables breadth of involvement – 1000’s could respond to a survey for example |

We are always looking for innovative ways to enable people to be heard, and in these covid times, we are finding even more ways to connect. We would be looking for how you could engage with as many people as possible to hear their views.