Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) in Delirium Research

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Background
In the formulation of a research question for a Systematic Review, patients, carers and staff were asked about their research priorities for delirium in older adults in hospital. This work was done in collaboration with NIHR PenCLAHRC. Peninsular Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care

Methods
Social media was used to recruit participants. Using a questionnaire, they were asked four questions about their views of delirium in older adults in hospital.

Results
Using thematic analysis, the responses were coded and developed into three themes:
1. Detection of delirium
2. Competence of staff
3. Support for patients and families

Conclusion
There was consensus that more research is needed in delirium management of older adults in hospital. The main concern was under-detection of delirium in hospital for this patient group.

Systematic Review Research Question
‘Under-detection of delirium in older adults in hospital; a comprehensive systematic review’

The protocol for this systematic review has now been registered with the Joanna Briggs Institute Database of Systematic Reviews and Implementation Reports.

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