Key messages from November 2017 Public Involvement Delivery Board meeting

The Board are working with HealthWise Wales to produce a clear policy on public involvement in keeping with the intention for this project to be managed with the public, for the public. The Board will help ensure the project is being managed in the public’s interest and for the benefit of the people of Wales by calling for and reviewing evidence of public involvement and its impact. This document will shortly be available on the HealthWise Wales website for public viewing.

The Board are keen to support the research infrastructure in the further development and implementation of their plans for public involvement and to encourage the adoption of the soon to be launched UK standards of public involvement. Public members already have some involvement at a number of centres and units but it was agreed to send a letter to the heads of all centres and units to raise awareness more widely of the role of Public Involvement Delivery Board and to work with the Welsh Government contract management team to determine where a targeted offer of support would be best directed.

The Board support the development of a Public Reference Panel, with membership drawn from a wide range of the public, which could provide a responsive and valuable service in reviewing planned communications. This will be taken forward in discussions between Welsh Government and the Support Centre.

The Public Involvement Achievement award had been quickly and efficiently developed and delivered and was felt to have been a success. It was agreed that the call for entries would be sent out earlier next year and consideration be given to incorporating the requirement to demonstrate diversity in public involvement. It was agreed to obtain feedback from those who did and did not participate so that this feedback can be incorporated in future planning. It was agreed to publish details of all of the entries as originally intended to both recognise achievements and promote good practice.