



Co-Production Charter

Executive Summary

Background

The West Midlands Social Work Teaching Partnership (WMSWTP) supports a wide range of activities to enhance and improve engagement with those with lived experience of social work, including the facilitation of a People with Lived Experience (PWLE) Advisory Group. Bringing together PWLE, and representatives from Local Authorities, Trusts, and Higher Education Institutes to discuss and promote co-production, participation, and the involvement of PWLE in social work education and practice across the partnership.

Introduction

The group identified that whilst many organisations are taking positive steps towards a co-production approach, there are inconsistencies, which impact upon the co-production relationship and subsequent outcomes of co-production work. The Charter seeks to address these inconsistencies and encourage organisations to commit to a more cohesive, consistent and trauma responsive approach to co-production, to improve, develop and further embed co-production across the partnership.

The Charter has been developed, taking the collaborative approach that underpins it and is borne out of reflective discussions between PWLE and representatives from partner organisations, learning from a recent co-production conference and feedback gathered from a cross partnership survey.

The Charter recognises that relationship-based practice and a trauma responsive approach form the foundation of successful co-production, and it sets out the core values and principles that enable practitioners to foster good practice.

Outcomes

The Charter asks that organisations make a pledge to embed co-production through a model that is collaborative, supportive, responsive and reflective, and recognises that the diverse perspectives of individuals with a range of lived experience, can create effective and innovative ways of working together and improve practice and outcomes for all stakeholders.