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The Curiosity Partnership is a new and evolving network, working across North Yorkshire, York, Doncaster and Hull.

The Partnership aims to link academics from local universities with people working in - and drawing on - adult social care, to explore how evidence can be used to inform practice.

'Evidence' includes:

- The lived experience of people who draw on social care support
- The knowledge and experience of people who work in social care
- Evidence from research

The Partnership has a particular focus on older people, but will also inform wider practice development and improvements.

The Partnership will bring people together to:

- share their experiences of engaging in, and using, evidence
- explore the challenges of strengthening the connections between researchers, practitioners and people with lived experience
- create new communities of practice
- use these experiences to help shape and engage in new research agendas that can inform policy and practice.

To start the process, the project team is hosting a series of discussions/workshops in order to introduce the Curiosity Partnership, to hear about participants' experiences of using and engaging in research, and to find out what people would like the network to provide. In particular we would like to hear about:

- How and where you have either been involved with, or used evidence
- What is needed to make engagement between researchers and people working in/drawing on care and support more effective
- What you would like to see from a research network
- What are the key priority areas that a research network should seek to focus on

The Curiosity Partnership offers a unique opportunity to develop a collaborative research agenda and to be part of a network that codesigns and undertakes innovative research that is embedded in the opportunities, issues and challenges at the forefront of support for older people.