

Working together for change

Working together can be complex. This statement seeks to summarise our agreed principles for collaborative working within the PATCHATT programme Development Group (PDG), to ensure that our work is productive, enjoyable and best draws on the talents and enthusiasms of all. This will support us in reaching our goal of building an effective programme to support the leadership of change by those living with chronic illness.

General principles

We agree to:

1. Acknowledge that we bring different experience and expertise to the development group and draw on this for mutual learning.
2. Respect the views and opinions of others.
3. Speak our mind. We are free to challenge ideas in an appropriate way and to be receptive to such challenges from others.
4. Support different styles of thinking and learning through:
 - circulating the agenda and papers in advance
 - returning to the notes of the previous meeting to allow for post-meeting reflections to be taken account of in decision-making process
5. Make provision for catch-up sessions for those missing a meeting, to ensure that everyone has the chance to contribute to all stages of the project development.

Publication authorship

The guidance below allows us to make decisions about the authorship of publications relating to the PATCHATT project fairly and transparently.

Principles

- We wish to produce diverse publications to share the knowledge we are creating together about how to facilitate the leadership of change by those living with chronic illness.
- Publications will draw upon and honour the different types of expertise we each bring and will be jointly-authored.
- Where possible, open access will be given to publications through publishing in an open access journal or repository.

Practice

- All group members can put forward ideas for publication. Types of publication might include reports, research papers, posters, conference abstracts, video material etc.
- Amanda Roberts will generally take the lead on producing draft writing, which can then be commented on and improved by other group members.
- Any group member can volunteer to take the lead on a given publication, if expertise and time allows.
- The sequence of author names on a given publication will be decided on the basis of the level of contribution to that publication each author has been able to make
- A group member wishing to refer to the work of the group in a single-authored paper on a related theme will bring this activity to the attention of group members prior to publication and seek consent.

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