**LIVED EXPERIENCE INVOLVEMENT RATING CRITERIA**

**4. Level of involvement of users/survivors in the development of the application.**

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| **Panel Score** | **Score description. Note applications must score at least 4 (good) to be taken forward to the panel.** |
| 6 (Outstanding) | Service users/survivors have been involved in multiple ways and at multiple levels throughout development and co-design of the proposal. At least one of the co-applicants has lived experience and is taking a leading role within the application. |
| 5 (Excellent) | Service users/survivors have been involved throughout the co-design of the proposal. One of the co-applicants has lived experience. |
| 4 (Good) | Service users/survivors have been consulted in a meaningful way during development of the application. Ideally one of the co-applicants has lived experience. |
| 3 (Satisfactory) | There has been limited involvement of users/survivors in development of the application or reliance solely on one of the applicants having lived experience (without explicitly stating their involvement in co-design). |
| 2 (Fair/Some weaknesses) | Minimal consultation after development of the application or solely relying on consultation that took place several years ago. |
| 1 (Poor) | No consultation took place with service users/survivors. |
| 0 (Not able to assess) | The relevant information was not provided to make a rating.  |

**5. Effectiveness of plans for consistently involving users/survivors in conducting/leading the research project.**

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| **Panel Score** | **Score description. Note applications must score at least 4 (good) to be taken forward to the panel.** |
| 6 (Outstanding) | Service users/survivors will be involved in multiple ways and at multiple levels throughout the process of conducting and leading the research project. Provides opportunities for career development of one or more people with lived experience (e.g., training in research skills and/or leadership). The research project develops a viable progression post the research collaboration. |
| 5 (Excellent) | Service users/survivors will be involved in multiple ways throughout the process of conducting and leading the research project.  |
| 4 (Good) | Service users/survivors will be involved in conducting the research project. |
| 3 (Satisfactory) | There will be limited involvement of users/survivors in conducting the research (e.g., just a steering group with an advisory role). |
| 2 (Fair/Some weaknesses) | Lived experience involvement limited to one or small number of users/survivors and only in advisory role. |
| 1 (Poor) | No involvement of service users/survivors or they are just participants in the research. |
| 0 (Not able to assess) | The relevant information was not provided to make a rating.  |

**6. Effectiveness of plans for engaging users/survivors in the dissemination of the findings.**

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| **Panel Score** | **Score description. Note applications must score at least 4 (good) to be taken forward to the panel.** |
| 6 (Outstanding) | Service users/survivors will be involved in multiple ways and at multiple levels throughout the dissemination of the findings. Those with lived experience will design and lead the research outputs. |
| 5 (Excellent) | Service users/survivors will be involved in multiple ways throughout the dissemination of the findings. Those with lived experience are given the option of being co-authors on papers and involved in co-design of the research outputs. |
| 4 (Good) | Service users/survivors will be involved throughout the dissemination of the findings.  |
| 3 (Satisfactory) | Service users/survivors will be consulted about dissemination of the findings. |
| 2 (Fair/Some weaknesses) | There will be minimal consultation with service users/survivors about dissemination of the findings. |
| 1 (Poor) | No involvement of, or consultation with, service users/survivors in dissemination of the findings. |
| 0 (Not able to assess) | The relevant information was not provided to make a rating.  |

**Applications must score at least 4 (good) out of 6 on all 3 user/survivor engagement items to be considered at the panel…**