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Evaluation of the value of the family and carer
support worker in a community stroke team

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Project aims and objectives



National Institute for
Health Research

- Project changed from 6 month review in stroke
- Start: Aim was too big cut down to FCSW only
- Objectives: refined due to more focused aim
- Influenced by reading other evaluations helped me to focus
- The objectives needed to be clear to shape my questionnaire
- My work changed shape the more I read other similar evaluations
- Seemed all over in the beginning then came together

- What you have done to date?
- What do you plan to do in the coming months?
- Library: article searching
- Reading around subject stroke assessment models/MDT/FCSW working to get ideas around design
- Set clear Aim and objectives
- Designed Interview Schedule
- Letter to the subjects
- Arranged interview dates/recorder
- Chosen Thematic analysis/colleague support/article
- Informed R&D dept

Resources

- Joined my trust library had two training sessions
- Used the library to support with searching articles
- Login for Pub med – on line training improved skills
- Contact made with stroke ass NW manager
- Support from Stroke Ass Research dept.
- Other colleagues
- NICE website: searching
- Library: databases/books on research design/questionnaires/interview

Obstacles/challenges faced

- Arranging date with mentors
- Time is a challenge with work commitments
- Staying focused and choosing question at the beginning

Reflections

- Enjoyable, nice to have time to read again and space to learn, time to be able to evaluate something at work
- Learnt: To read more at the start other studies etc before launching into aims and objectives and design
- Keep it small
- Is my questionnaire too big will I be able to analyse all data?
- Use of the librarians very useful
- Contact anyone who maybe of use colleagues etc. for support: share your ideas get others views

Next steps & support

- Carry out interviews
- May need support with thematic analysis?
- Colleague who has done research offered support
- Write some form of report to share with commissioners/
Stroke association