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See what people say about it:

“It's so important for us to hear the lived experience from the people who actually use the service we want to deliver.”
Current student

“It achieves something that we can’t achieve through teaching alone and that students can’t achieve by reading books.”
Julie Ryden, Senior Lecturer

“My deepest wish is to pass on my experience and to see students go on to fulfil their true potential. I want to shine a light into what is seen as a very dark and fearful disease.”
Gina Louise Matthews, service user

“I found it rewarding being involved in the Older Male Carers Research project, which will improve the future for other carers.”
Jim Sanger, Carer

Areas of involvement:

- Talking about your experiences
- Developing teaching tools and materials
- Involvement in the admissions process
- Conducting student assessments
- Designing and participating in simulation and role play activities
- Influencing curriculum development
- Shaping research.

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