

**Patient and Public Involvement, Professor Deb Hall:**

- It is important for research to ask questions that are important to patients and to healthcare professionals
- Patients are the experts because they use the health service
- Patients know about their health problem. They know if the health service can meet their needs
- We like to involve patients at the beginning. They can help us work out the research questions.
- In our research projects the patients are part of the research team. This helps us make sure our research is relevant to patients and health services.