

Charter for Involvement - living the lives we want

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Introduction: The Charter for Involvement was written by the National Involvement Network (NIN), a group of people who get support from different organisations across Scotland. It has 12 Statements that describe how people want to be involved in the things that matter in their lives – their support, the organisations that support them and their communities.

NIN members are active in making sure that the Charter is put into practice. So far 78 organisations, including 7 Health and Social Care Partnerships have “signed up” to the Charter, making a formal commitment to putting the 12 Statements into practice. The Charter tiger is now becoming widely recognised as a symbol that represents the involvement, strength and empowerment of people who require social care support.

The Charter, and the work of the NIN in trying to make the Charter a reality, sets out what really matters to people, and what needs to happen. In its work over the years, the NIN has built up a good stock of knowledge about what really makes a difference. Does the evidence produced by researchers help to answer the NIN’s most important questions? And what would be good ways for the NIN to work with others to get the information they need?