



Reducing the Gap between Research, Policy and Practice Initiative

Summary Report of

Bringing Voices Together

Event 1 – Breakfast Workshop

Venue: Flinders Victoria Square
182 Victoria Square, Adelaide

23 May 2016

Introduction

The Reducing the Gap between Research, Policy and Practice Initiative aims to reduce the gap between research, policy and practice by:

- identifying more effective research exchange strategies
- exploring ways to increase the relevance of research for policy and practice.

Developed in late 2013, the collaboration initially brought together researchers from the Health Services Research Association of Australia & New Zealand (HSRAANZ), the South Australian Health & Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI), and the Primary Health Care Research & Information Service (PHCRIS). More recently the work of the collaboration has been strengthened with consumer representation from Cancer Voices SA and Health Consumers Alliance SA.

While previous events have focused on hearing from researchers, policy makers, practitioners and consumers, the 2016 series builds upon the ideas and suggestions from participants over the past two years of successful discussions and forums. The Bringing Voices Together breakfast workshop was the first in this 2016 series of events. We hope you find this informing and a useful resource to stimulate new ways of collaborating.

Who attended; who responded

A total of 76 people attended the Breakfast session held on Monday, 23 May 2016. Of these, 66% (n=50) responded to the short feedback survey.

Survey feedback was received from the following categories of participants:

Researcher	24
Consumer representative	6
Manager	5
Policy Analyst	2
Practitioner	2
Research/Policy analyst	2
Other	5
Not indicated	4
Total	50

Suggested improvements for future events

Respondents were very happy with the format of the breakfast session, although wishing for more time for group discussion and feedback to the audience. Suggestions included room set up for enhanced group discussions to develop opportunities for sharing, learning and engagement.

Some respondents were keen to progress ways this Initiative could assist the long term development of a culture that understands and values knowledge exchange, translational strategies and implementation. Their suggestions ranged from education strategies to the development of practical tools.