Collaborations table report: LSSI inequalities workshop

Good practice collaboration:

- Clinical Research Network, which is resourced by NIHR, links different networks together with local and national knowledge
- Concrete benefits / reciprocity
- Open / accessible information / invitations to attend and contribute to events
- Need to involve external partners from other universities, the third sector and practice settings
- Involving people from marginalised groups / other stakeholders in Advisory Group, and fluid sub-groups for research areas / methods / approaches for overall governance
- Reading groups
- Linked-In group representing network

Stakeholders:

- Clarity about the purpose of stakeholders, what they are expected to contribute to, and being critical about whose voices are represented
- Gatekeepers who can support access e.g. voluntary sector or University initiatives that support engagement
- NGOs / existing research groups
- Representatives of socially excluded groups
- Service users: PPI capacity building / mechanism – groups that may have developed through research
- Willing allies from powerful / influential stakeholders (policy, practice and media)
- Media to generate awareness on good practice developed. Build contacts via LSSI marketing / publicity
- Practitioner and regional networks
- Central place for all stakeholders to be represented

Potential for collaboration:

- Methods and theory, as well as areas of interest e.g. UK poverty
- Identifying similar work in different settings and learning from different methodological approaches
- Approaches and conceptualisations
- Research areas, teaching, other networks (i/d modules and PhD discovery themes)
- Engage and influence non-academic partners - including service users, practitioners, commissioners and funders – who set the agenda for what might be researched
- Thematic sub-groups might be a way to focus / methods
- Collaboration with other networks that members are involved in without overlapping
- Sharing resources / references
- Pre-proposal sandpits