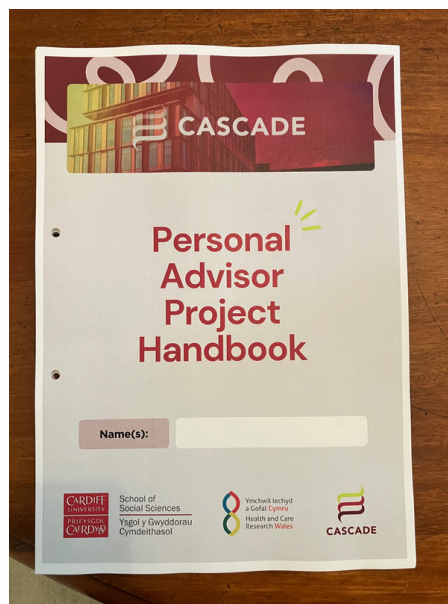


Research Newsletter



Exploring the Role of Personal Advisors in Wales: A Co-Production Study with Care Experienced Young People

July 2025 Update: Peer Researcher Training Begins

We have now recruited four peer researchers to join the team. Our first training session took place at Spark/Sbarc in June and focused on how we will work together as a team and what our research will involve. We also explored what co-production is and the key roles peer researchers will play throughout the study.

The session was delivered by Elaine from the Public Involvement Team and was a huge success in helping everyone feel prepared and confident in their roles.

Each peer researcher received a project handbook and had a tour of the University campus. They also began developing their own personal development plans for the project.

We hope that the peer researchers will be involved in all aspects of the research project as well as gaining opportunities for the future. They will be involved in writing a journal article, presenting findings at seminars and conferences on the research and future bids.

What's next...

Over the next three months:

- Magic Moments analysis will begin, following a successful workshop with 27 PA's
- Scoping review analysis to be completed
- Peer researcher training to continue
- Begin planning our data collection approach for Work Package Two

Overview of the study

Each year, a large number of young people leave the care system in Wales and are supported in their next steps by Personal Advisors. This research project explores the role of PAs in helping young people make this transition. Working alongside care-experienced young people, the study examines how PAs support individuals during this critical time.

This research is being carried out in close collaboration with the participants through a mixture of co-produced and participatory research methods to help develop guidelines related to PA guidelines

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