Why should I attend both workshops?

- The advantage of attending both events is that researchers can demonstrate engagement with consumers regarding the planning and communication of their research before embarking on writing their grants. This is highly regarded by funding bodies as it illustrates *meaningful engagement* with consumers, giving opportunity for input from an early stage. This is in contrast with a last-minute involvement of a consumer in a grant proposal “because we have to” which will result in a lower consumer score.
- Attendance of the second workshop provides an opportunity to receive consumer feedback when grant writing is well underway and researchers can demonstrate that they listened to early consumer feedback and acted upon it.
- After the February workshop the TCRN will provide some prepared statements regarding consumer involvement to those researchers who participate. Different statements will be available depending on whether researchers attend one or both of the workshops.