Developing Good Practitioner Research: An Agenda for Research Commissioner, Agencies and Practitioners

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Abstract:
There are different forms of practitioner research. Using a single term for all instances of such inquiry may confuse rather than enlighten. Using data from English language published studies in the fields of health, scoal care and social work, the presentation will propose how practitioner research can be further characterized as "practitioner-led" and "academic partnership" research and highlight the distinctions between these two kinds of practitioner research. Areas where there are differences between the two forms include the occupational roles of researchers, research relationships, writing relationships, the focus of the research questions and problems, research methodology, the extent to which benefits and utilization are addressed, and the writing "voice" in published outputs. Finally, implications are for research commissioners, social work and health care agencies, and practitioners will be discussed.

Presenter's profile:
Professor Ian Shaw is the visiting S R Nathan Professor with the Department of Social Work between 7 June and 6 July 2016. He is also the Professor of Social Work in the Department of Sociology and Social Work, Aalborg University, and Emeritus Professor at the University of York. He was a founder-editor of the journal, Qualitative Social Work. He led the foundation of the European Social Work Research Association and was first Chair until 2015. Professor Shaw has been involved in various studies of practitioner research in social work and health - in Wales, Scotland and most recently in England. References to some of the results of these can be seen on his website