

Care Home Research: Current State and Future Priorities

Tuesday 18th June 2019

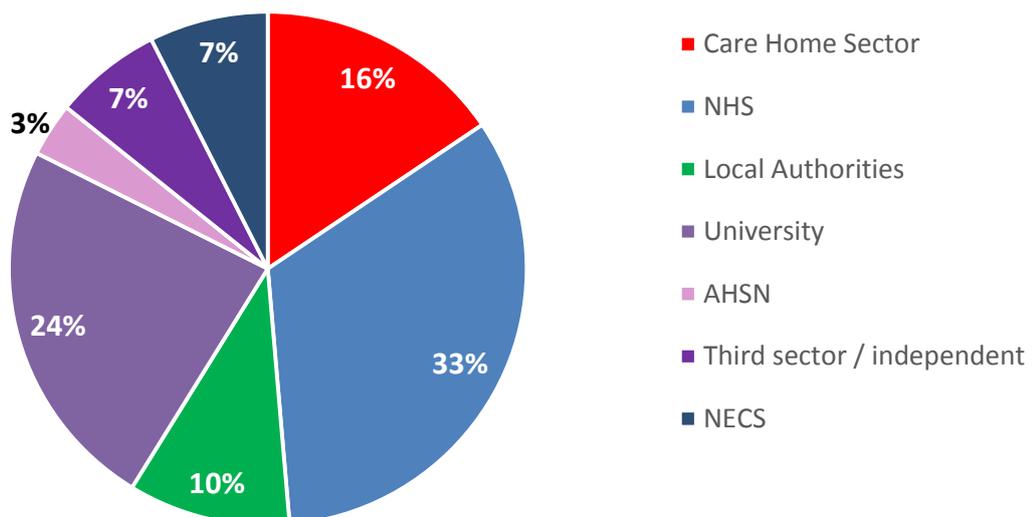
Event Evaluation Feedback

There was a **fantastic** turnout for the Care Home Research event with 90% of those registered to attend being present on the day and half of those giving invaluable feedback which has been collated here.

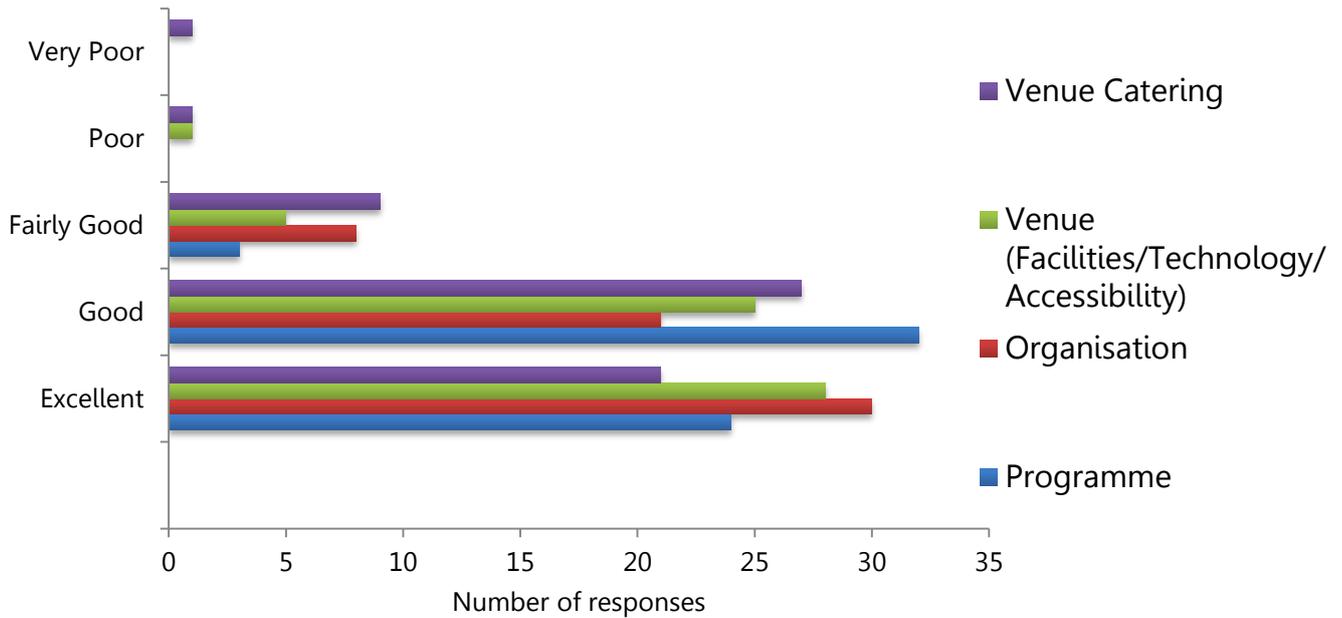
Attendance

- Registered to attend **135**
- No. of attendees **121**
- No. giving feedback **59**

Delegates were from a wide variety of organisations, which enriched the feedback from the participation exercise. The attendance breakdown was;



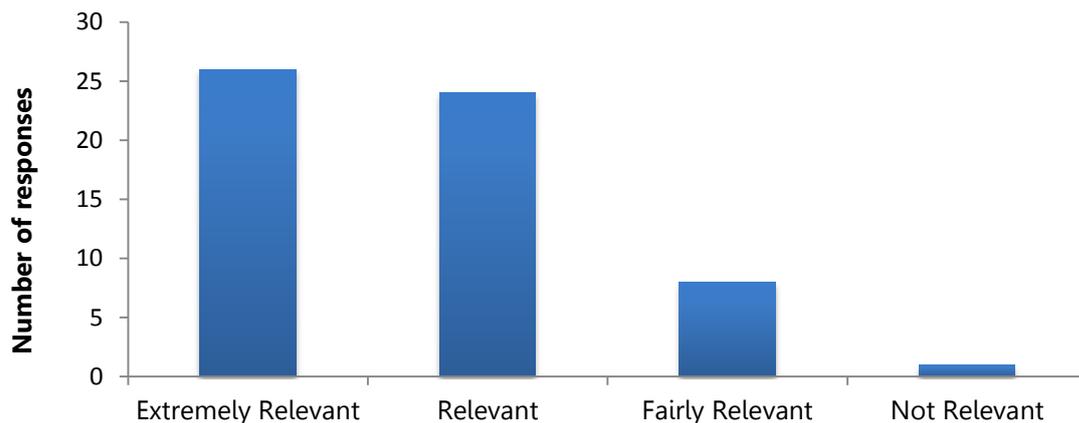
What was your overall impression of this event?



The overall impression of the event was consistently **excellent, good or fairly good** across all aspects of the day with only a very small minority rating some of the venue or venue catering aspects as poor or very poor. The comments sections had a couple of notes on the sound and acoustics of the venue being poor, a statement that the catering had 'poor choice' and a plea for less single use plastics with the catering (milk) but otherwise positive feedback.

"Thank you to the organisers - very well organised event!"

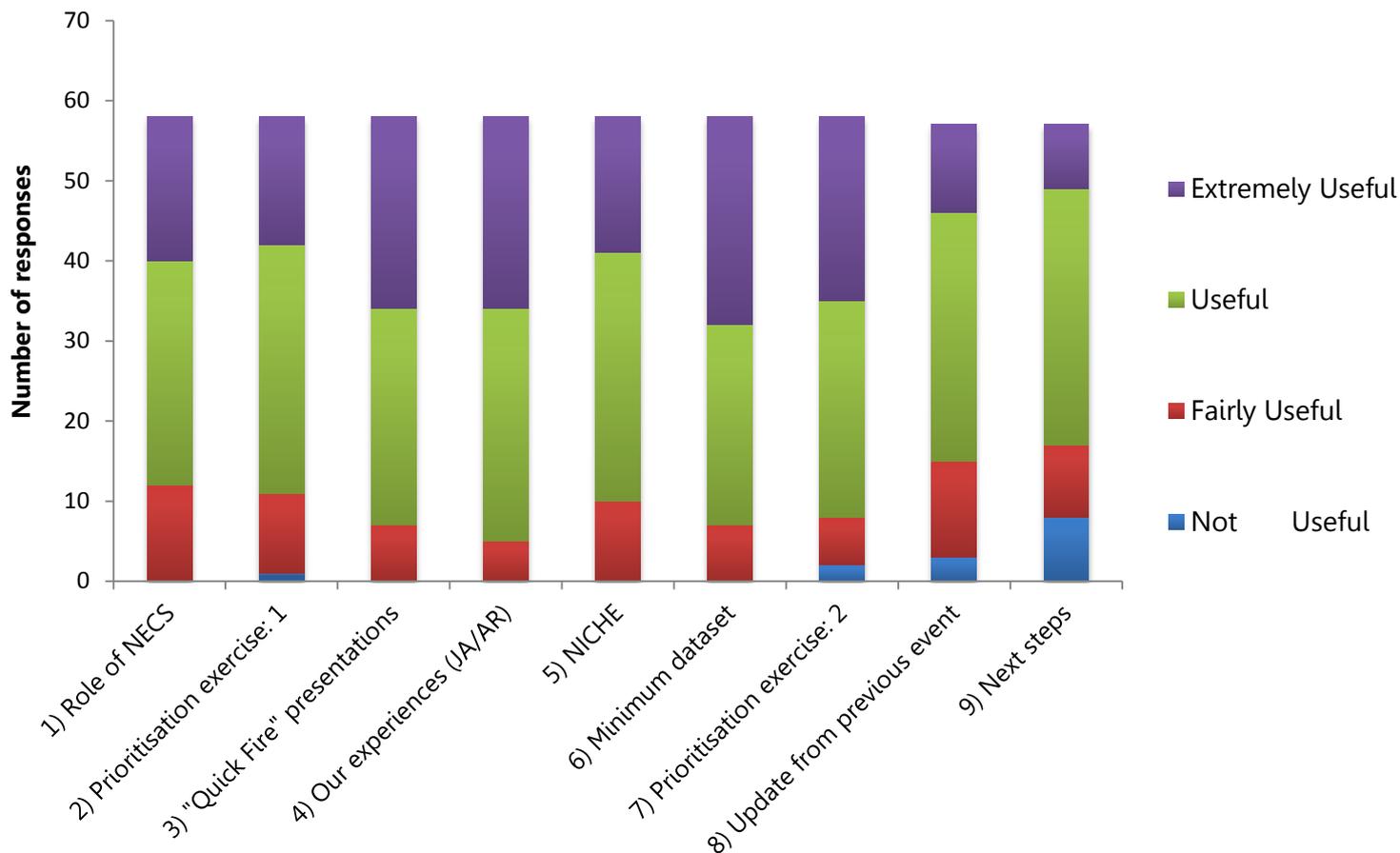
How relevant was this event for your job role?



85% of people thought the event was **relevant or extremely relevant** with only 2% thinking the event was not relevant to their job role. The remaining 13% thought the day was fairly relevant.

"Relevant - As an NHS employee, who is also conducting research, it was really useful to learn about what other research projects and initiatives are going on in the area."

How Useful would you rate the sessions?



There were 9 sessions throughout the day, with **all being rated useful** (including extremely and fairly useful) by at least 85% of the responses given.

The session 'Why do we need a minimum dataset for Care Homes?' garnered the most 'extremely useful' responses (44%) followed closely by "'Quick Fire" research presentations from Newcastle University' (41%), 'Our Experiences of Care Home Research (JA/AR)' (41%) and 'Care Home Research Prioritisation Exercise - session two' (39%).

Individual comments for 'best aspect of the event', 'least useful aspect of the event', 'what will you do with what you have learned today' and 'what, if any, additional support and information regarding Care Home research would you like to receive?' have been grouped where appropriate and summarised below.

"Chance to discuss priorities with vast variety of representatives"

"DACHA presentation - very interesting and something that I would like to keep up-to-date with"

What was the best aspect of this event?

Of the 50 comments regarding the best aspect of the event:

32% noted an interest in [upcoming, ongoing or completed research](#)

26% liked the [networking](#) aspect of the day the best

24% enjoyed the [participation, group work, discussions and interactive element](#)

18% preferred 'other' which has been broken down into the 9 responses here: 3 like the [origins](#) of the information (the North East [and](#) further afield), 3 responses for the [event as a whole](#), 1 for the role of [NECS](#), 1 for the [non-academic perspective](#) and 1 specifically for [Alison Redhead's impassioned presentation](#) although she was also named within a few other responses, as well as a mention for Jim Ainslie.

“Excellent networking opportunity. Great to hear what is happening locally.”

“The non-academic perspectives were really interesting - a lot of passion and care displayed.”

“How research is developing and the impact on care”

What was the least useful aspect of this event?

46% of responses stated there wasn't a least useful aspect of the day

24% thought there was too much information or that the information given was too quick

18% of responses wanted to open up the discussion time and facilitation of the group exercise

The final 12% responses comprised of 4 individual points: the information about/from [NECS](#), acoustics in the room, a specific comment by one of the presenters and an observation of research versus questions raised by care home staff

“I thought the prioritisation of care homes research exercise felt a bit rushed - not enough opportunity to talk through ideas”

“n/a - I found it all interesting”

“Not ‘least useful’ but is as a shame that the table top discussion were rushed. Some key research questions could have been generated.”

“Nothing - all very useful”

What will you do with what you have learned today?

50% of attendees who completed the feedback form advised they were going to [share](#) what they have learned with colleagues

25% were going to [support/develop/inform/seek out research](#)

25% were looking to [incorporate ideas](#) and such going forward with some [reflection](#) and further [networking](#) too

“Disseminate to colleagues and it has inspired research questions!”

“Discuss and share in my team”

“Make contact with local research networks”

What, if any, additional support and information regarding Care Home research would you like to receive?

There were just over 20 responses to this with an overall theme of wanting to get more [involved](#) or [being made aware](#) of what’s going on - whether by notification of future events or [access to research](#) and information either directly or by way of a central information point.

There were also requests for access to the presentations given on the day – this will be sent out by email shortly, if not already received.

“Information on what's happening and can contribute”

“How to recruit Care Homes to research and how Care Homes can take part in research”

Whilst not care home specific, the NECS Research and Evidence team website has links to current projects, events, our research library and our historic bulletins. There is also a link to ‘finding evidence’ with access to Athens which is free to register with an NHS email address and enables access to academic journals.

Information on training sessions to develop skills in research can be found through the site as well as bespoke training which can be available by emailing NECSU.RETeam@nhs.net