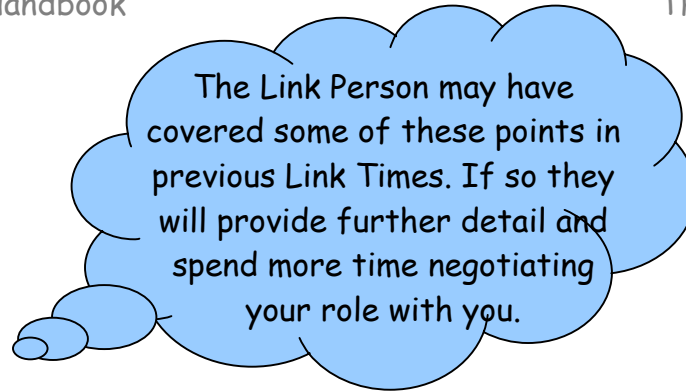# Theme 2: Unit 5

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The Link Person has a summary of the focus and content of Theme 2: Unit 5, including personal exercises that you have been asked to do.

Purpose of the Theme 2 Link Time

The main purpose of this link time is to:

- Explain the service's approach to research and development

- Describe and discuss the opportunities for user involvement in the different stages of the research and development cycle that are available in the service or region:

  ω Consulting about research

  ω Commissioning research

  ω Doing research

  ω Managing research

  ω Disseminating research

  ω Evaluating research

- Negotiate your involvement in research and development activities of most interest to you

- Discuss your next steps in beginning your user involvement work with the service

The Link Person may have covered some of these points in previous Link Times. If so they will provide further detail and spend more time negotiating your role with you.

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Areas that may be discussed

Part A: Approach to research and development

You will gain more information on:

- What research and development activity happens in the service

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- Why this is important to the service

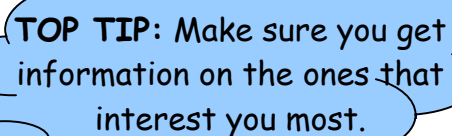- How this work influences what happens in the service

- What the service's goals or hopes for user involvement in research and development are

- Of the six main research and development tasks, which ones are available in your service for user involvement work

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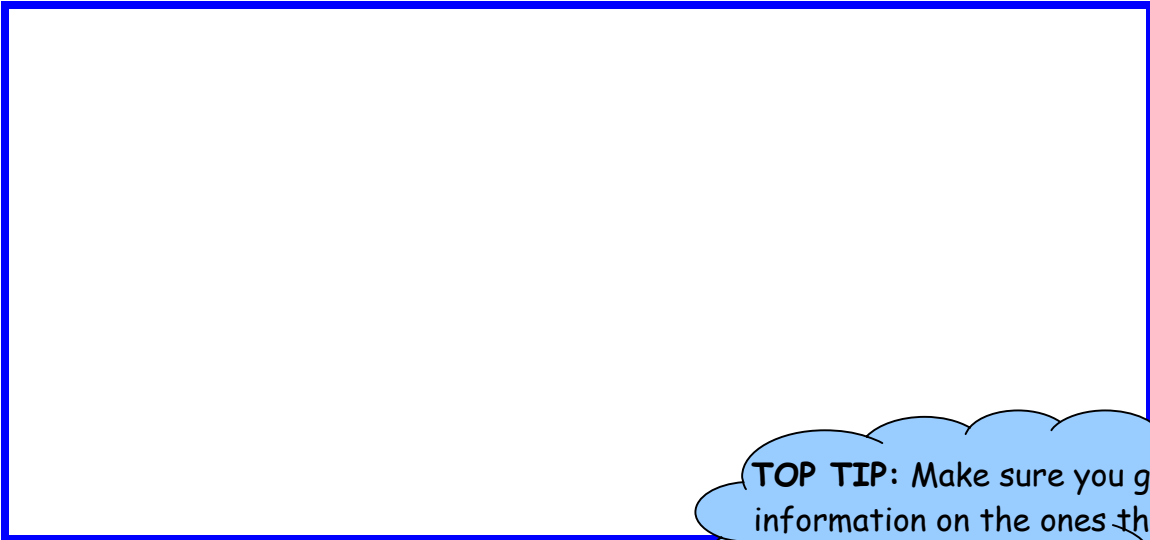## Part B: User involvement in <u>consulting about</u> research

You will gain more information on:

- What user involvement already occurs or has occurred in consulting about research

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- What user involvement opportunities already **exist** for consulting about research
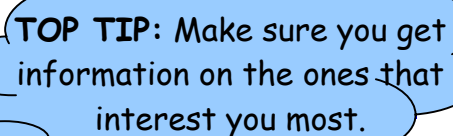
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- What user involvement opportunities are being **planned** for consulting about research

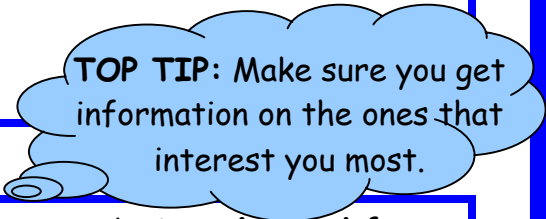## Part C: User involvement in <u>commissioning</u> research

You will gain more information on:

- What user involvement already occurs or has occurred in commissioning research

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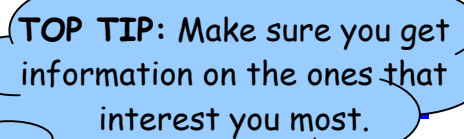- What user involvement opportunities already **exist** for commissioning research

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- What user involvement opportunities are being **planned** for commissioning research

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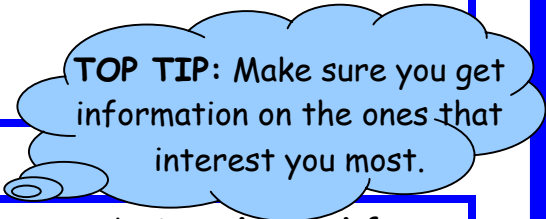## Part D: User involvement in <u>doing</u> research

You will gain more information on:

> - What user involvement already occurs or has occurred in doing research

TOP TIP: Make sure you get information on the ones that interest you most.

> - What user involvement opportunities already **exist** for doing research

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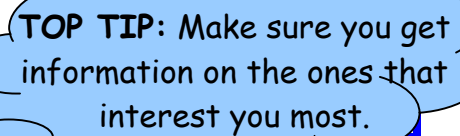> **TOP TIP:** Make sure you get information on the ones that interest you most.

- What user involvement opportunities are being **planned** for doing research

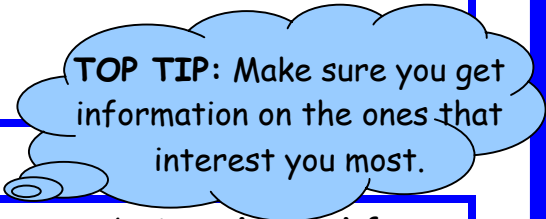## Part E: User involvement in <u>managing</u> research

You will gain more information on:

- What user involvement already occurs or has occurred in managing research

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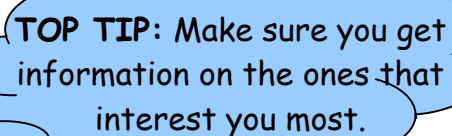- What user involvement opportunities already **exist** for managing research

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▪ What user involvement opportunities are being **planned** for managing research

Part F: User involvement in <u>disseminating</u> research

You will gain more information on:

- What user involvement already occurs or has occurred in disseminating research

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- What user involvement opportunities already **exist** for disseminating research
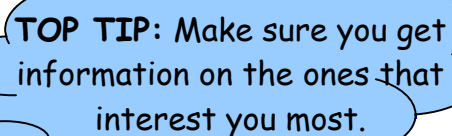
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▪ What user involvement opportunities are being **planned** for

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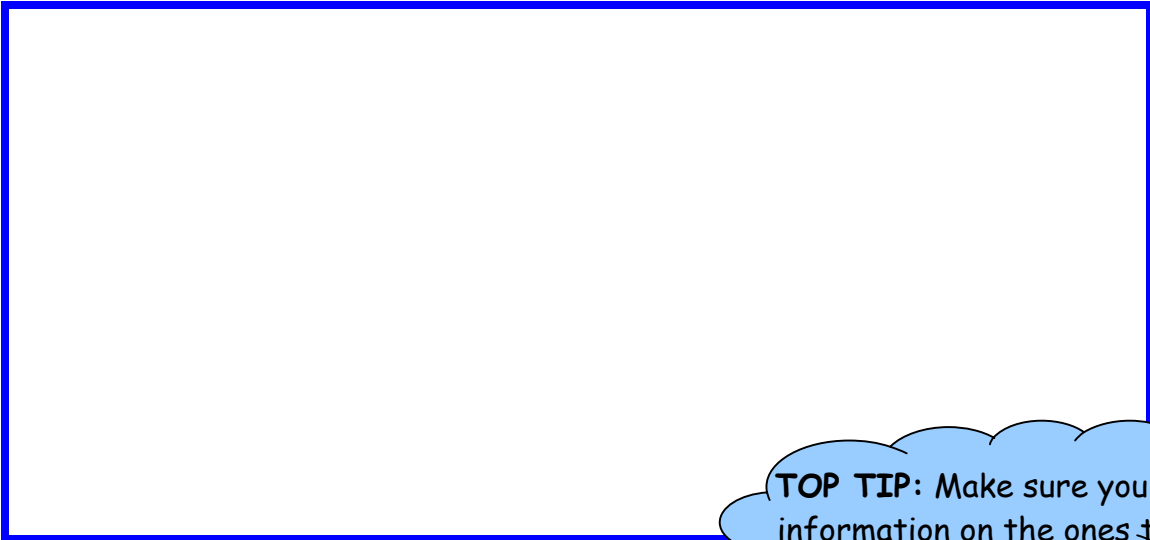## Part G: User involvement in <u>evaluating</u> research

You will gain more information on:

- What user involvement already occurs or has occurred in evaluating research

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- What user involvement opportunities already **exist** for evaluating research

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> **TOP TIP:** Make sure you get information on the ones that interest you most.

- What user involvement opportunities are being **planned** for

  evaluating research

Part H: Negotiating user consultant roles

You will clarify and negotiate the following things:

- Details on the sort of user consultant roles available or planned

- **Expectations** of you if you take up one of these roles

Part H: Negotiating user consultant roles

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- The type and amount of **support** available and how that compares with what you need

- The level of **influence** you will have in decision-making

- Strategies to support you in being accountable to the wider group of people you represent

- What **the Link Person** needs to do to assist you in taking your next step

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- ▪ What **you** need to do to take your next step

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