

Making research a reality -working in
collaboration
The Merseyside and Cheshire Cancer
Network Research Group

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Background

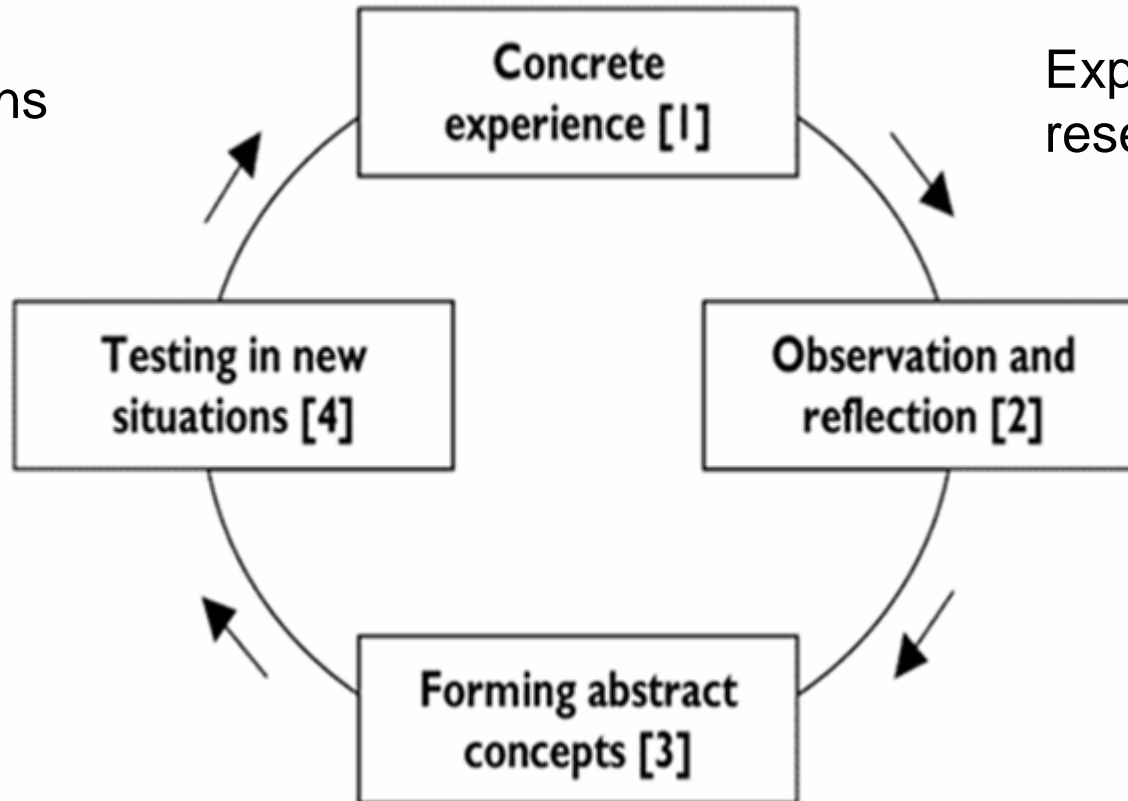
- MCCN Cancer Nursing Strategy 2005-2008
- Best Research for Best Health (DoH 2006)
- To increase capacity and capability for nurse and AHP-led research across the Network
- Two scoping events 2004/2005
- Opportunity to develop a collaborative research study

The study

- Aim: To explore the impact of disease and treatment on the lives and gender identity of men with prostate cancer
- Objectives: i) to explore how men live with prostate cancer who are receiving radiotherapy ii) to identify the gendered impact of disease and treatment on men's lives
- Qualitative methodology
- Patient involvement (focus groups)

Clinicians

Experienced
researchers



Naïve
researchers

Service Users

The decision trail

- Team decision-making process more complex
- Each stage of the research design continually revisited, the impact of change explored and ideas further refined
- Minutes have recorded the history allowing decision-making to be mapped
- Use of Gantt chart and MCCN website

Sustainability

- Individual commitment
- Open versus closed membership
- Clear identity (policies)
- Shared responsibility
- Dissemination and feedback
- Supervision meetings
- MCCN support

Next steps..

- Finalise research proposal to include grounded theory approach
- Inclusion of focus group data from patient support groups
- Funding (including training for members in depth interviews & analysis of qualitative data)
- Ethics and R&D approval
- Publication