## Sample planning matrix

## What do you want to involve service users

 in?A consultation, event, planning group, peer research, staff training? Something very general of interest to a broad range of service users, or something very specific to a particular service?
> Why do you want to involve service users?
Do you want to tell people something? To know what people think about something? Do you want them to help you plan a piece of work? Or meet funders' objectives?

## Who do you want to involve?

Current or ex-users of a service? Specific groups, such as young people or women? People with a geographical connection? Who within your organisation will be involved?

When do you want to do it?
What are your timescales? Do you need to start or finish this piece of work by a certain date? Remember to allow time to plan, for feedback and identify next steps.

Where do you want to do it?
Think of locations - virtual and physical - and accessible venues.

How are you going to do it?

- How are you going to get answers for the questions above?
- How are you going to plan for the work?
- How are you going to recruit service users?
- Have you thought about what service users might get out of the work?
- Will service users or staff need training for the project?
- Do you have a budget?
- Who is going to do the work?
- Do you have enough expertise in the workplace?
- Do you need other expertise, knowledge or skills?
- How are you going to advertise the work to service users?
- How will you match service users' skills to the tasks involved?
- What method(s) of involvement are you going to use?
- How are you going to write up the piece of work?
- Who needs to see the outcomes?
- How are you going to feed back to service users?
- Who is going to take forward the outcomes?
- How will you evaluate the work?

