

Navigating Process Evaluation in Co-creation: A Health CASCADE Scoping Review of Utilized Frameworks and Assessed Components

Screening manual

Definitions

Process evaluation: studies that explicitly mentioned planning or conducting a process evaluation of (a) the co-creation process at any of the intervention/project stages (e.g. the engagement with relevant stakeholders in the needs analysis; intervention development, implementation or evaluation) and/or (b) the intervention implementation (e.g., including how the intervention was carried out, fidelity, quality, etc.).

Co-creation is defined as: “an evidence-based methodology for the development, implementation and evaluation of innovations through continuous, open collaboration, interactional knowledge production and shared decision-making among key stakeholders, directed at improving public health” (Messiha 2021, pg. 5). Please strictly apply definition, i.e., consider the presence of elements highlighted in yellow.

Public health: related to the public health field, defined as all organised measures (whether public or private) to prevent disease, promote health, and prolong life among the population as a whole (22).

Inclusion/exclusion criteria

Process evaluation related criteria

1. We will include studies that have conducted the process evaluation of:
 - (a) the co-creation process at any of the intervention/project stage (i.e., the involvement of relevant stakeholders in the needs analysis stage; the process of collaborating with the population of interest, etc.) and/or
 - (b) the intervention itself (e.g., including how the intervention was carried out, fidelity, quality, etc.).
2. Include papers only if process evaluation has been explicitly mentioned to be evaluated/assessed in the paper.
3. Do not include if the paper is describing a participatory evaluation, but not referring to any process evaluation. I.e. if they describe how they have set up the participatory evaluation (who they contacted, how were they involved, etc.), but they don't say anything about how they would evaluate/have evaluated the co-creation process OR how they would evaluate/have evaluated the co-created product.
4. Include papers describing/evaluating the process how the partnership with co-creators developed and assessing whether this has been successful or not.

Co-creation related criteria

5. Co-creation as defined above.
6. Our search strategy only includes “co-creat” so only the dataset includes papers where authors have regarded as co-created. If you encounter papers referring to co-development and co-design but you believe these were not part of an overall co-creation process, please exclude.

Field of paper

7. Only include papers related to the public health field. We define public health according to WHO's definition: "Public health refers to all organized measures (whether public or private) to prevent disease, promote health, and prolong life among the population as a whole. Its activities aim to provide conditions in which people can be healthy and focus on entire populations, not on individual patients or diseases."