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Qualifications

Ph.D Comparative Policy Analysis (Loughborough University, 1999), DEA (M. Phil) Research Methods (Limoges University, France 1995), M-ès-L (MA)
 Research Methods (Limoges University, France 1994), BA Hons Hispanic/French Studies (Economics, Politics, Philosophy), Portsmouth University, 1993).

Relevant Capabilities

 Internationally recognised expert in evaluation with over 20 years' experience in public policy evaluation, Programme/project direction and leadership, theory-based impact/process/policy/VfM evaluation, complexity, capacity building and peer learning, multi-site, multi-year complex evaluations, dissemination. Specific experience in regional and local government, devolution, partnerships and capacity building.

Summary of experience

• Dr Peter Welsh is Director of Government and Society in the Ipsos Public Affairs team. Peter leads Ipsos' government and society evaluation business and is a highly experienced evaluator, mixed-methods researcher and project director. He has an extensive background of designing and delivering a wide range of applied evaluations of policy and practice interventions at local, regional and national levels with over 20 years' senior experience and a highly sensitive approach to political and partnership environments built on first-hand experience. He has a credible track record of working with large national and regional organisations and small community-based groups, charities and the private sector with equal ease. Peter is a highly accomplished public speaker and facilitator and is well-known as both Vice-President and National Council member of the UK Evaluation Society and editor of 'The Evaluator'. Peter is an active academic as Honorary Senior Research Fellow (University of Glasgow) and Board member PASCAL International Observatory since 2006

Relevant project experience

- Project Director (current) DLUHC UK Shared Prosperity Fund Evaluation
- Project Director (current) Cabinet Office Evaluation Task Force/ Ministry of Defence – GMPP Evaluation Planning
- Project Director (current) GAMSTOP reducing gambling harm evaluation.
- Project Director Cabinet Office Evaluation Task Force Major Projects Portfolio Evaluation
- Project Director Home Office Refugee Employability Programme Evaluation
- Co-Project Director Home Office Violence Reduction Unit Evaluation
- Senior Evaluation Lead The Royal Foundation Homelessness Programme Evaluation

- Project Director GLA Young Londoner's Fund Evaluation 2020-22.
- Project Director NHSE 'Covid Volunteers Programme' Evaluation 2021
- Project Director DHSC Bank Evaluation 2018-20
- Project Director Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Transformation
 Programme Evaluation 2017-20

Relevant publications

- Building Stronger Communities: Research Informing Policy and Practice (NIACE, 2008)
- Universities in a Time of Crises Their Role in Regional Development (NIACE, 2014)