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Ayşe has an MSc in Research Methods in Psychology. Having worked in various research and therapeutic settings, she also has over five years' experience of managing projects for carers. Her work has involved individual and group support whilst also having a strategic role, facilitating user involvement and working with commissioners to develop local services and policies.