References and toolkits about public involvement in research

Appendix 7
“When we talk about public involvement, we mean all the ways in which the research community works together with people including patients, carers, advocates, service users, and members of the community. Excellent public involvement is inclusive, values all contributions, ensures people have a meaningful say in what happens and influences outcomes, as set out in the UK Standards for Public Involvement.”

The Shared Commitment to Public Involvement

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Vocal was commissioned by the Medical Research Council (MRC) to undertake a review of public involvement in research (February–September 2022), with a specific focus on non-clinical health and biomedical research. In this Appendix we’ve collated useful references and toolkits which are relevant to this topic.

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1. Public involvement in non-clinical research:

Peer-reviewed publications:

Aitken M 2019: Consensus statement on public involvement and engagement with data intensive health research [https://ijpds.org/article/view/586]


Useful reading and toolkits


Reports and blogs:
Cowan K 2018: Can patients be involved in preclinical research? https://blogs.bmj.com/openscience/2018/06/05/can-patients-be-involved-in-preclinical-research/


Parkinson’s UK: A practical guide to patient and public involvement in lab based research https://sites.google.com/parkinsons.org.uk/ppi-in-lab-based-research/home

Involving people affected by cancer in biomarker research design https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/sites/default/files/clinical_case_study_04.pdf

Shaping research to develop biomarkers – our perspective as PPI contributors, Parkinsons UK: Blog https://medium.com/researchinvolvement/shaping-research-to-develop-biomarkers-our-perspective-as-ppi-contributors-8d226539aa50

2. Public involvement in health research

Peer-reviewed publications:
The journals Research Involvement & Engagement https://researchinvolvement.biomedcentral.com/ and Research for All https://www.uclpress.co.uk/pages/research-for-all provide peer-reviewed publications on public involvement theory and practice.

Online resources, including networks, guidance, toolkits and training
NIHR INVOLVE (currently transitioning to the NIHR Centre for Engagement and Dissemination) https://www.invo.org.uk/
Useful reading and toolkits

Generation R network of Young People’s Advisory Groups https://generationr.org.uk/
Cochrane Crowd – http://crowd.cochrane.org
Shared Learning Group for Involvement https://slginvolvement.org.uk/
PFMD ‘how-to’ guidance for involvement in early drug discovery and pre-clinical stages https://pemsuite.org/How-to-Guides/Early-Discovery.pdf
Health and Care Research Wales – guidance for researchers https://healthandcareresearchwales.org/researchers-support-and-guidance-researchers-develop-research-idea/involving-public-your-research
Health and Care Research Wales – toolkit https://padlet.com/healthandcareresearch/cifc7jknopnjqmr5
CRUK Patient Involvement Toolkit for researchers https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/funding-for-researchers/patient-involvement-toolkit-for-researchers
CRUK Patient involvement network https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/get-involved/volunteer/patient-involvement/your-involvement-network
Co-Production Collective https://www.coproductioncollective.co.uk/
Training and resources for public involvement in research https://www.learningforinvolvement.org.uk/
Shared Learning Group on Involvement in Research https://slginvolvement.org.uk/
James Lind Alliance https://www.jla.nihr.ac.uk/
BPSU produced guidance for researchers on PPI in unconsented studies (i.e. studies with no direct patient involvement or consent): bpsu_ppi_guidance4_0.pdf (rcpch.ac.uk)
UCL translational research – co-developed training for researchers https://uclpartners.com/blog-post/co-developing-training-for-researchers-with-patient-involvement/
Crohn's and Colitis recently created some training with their patient advisory group – https://www.crohnsandcolitis.org.uk/research/research-involvement-opportunities/training/ppitraining

3. Strategies for research and public involvement

Versus Arthritis had involvement throughout development of their strategy https://www.versusarthritis.org/research/introducing-our-research-strategy/
What makes us human? HDBI Public engagement strategy 2020 (available on request from Vocal)
NIHR Manchester Biomedical Research Centre and NIHR Manchester Clinical Research Facility
Useful reading and toolkits


4. Public involvement in research funding


British Paediatric Surveillance Unit BPSU Scientific Committee | RCPCH (lay members on scientific peer review panel)


Parkinson’s UK Drug Accelerator Awards [https://www.parkinsons.org.uk/sites/default/files/2021-12/Drug%20Accelerator%20Award%20Information%20for%20applicants%20-%20November%202021.docx%20%281%29.pdf](https://www.parkinsons.org.uk/sites/default/files/2021-12/Drug%20Accelerator%20Award%20Information%20for%20applicants%20-%20November%202021.docx%20%281%29.pdf)


PPI (Patient and Public Involvement) resources for applicants to NIHR research programmes [https://www.nihr.ac.uk/documents/ppi-patient-and-public-involvement-resources-for-applicants-to-nihr-research-programmes/23437](https://www.nihr.ac.uk/documents/ppi-patient-and-public-involvement-resources-for-applicants-to-nihr-research-programmes/23437)

5. Public involvement in policy, ethics and governance

IPPOSI Ireland [https://www.ipposi.ie/](https://www.ipposi.ie/)

Ireland’s newly formed National Research Ethics Commitee (25% public members on each committee) [https://www.nrecoffice.ie/engagement/public-engagement/](https://www.nrecoffice.ie/engagement/public-engagement/)

ALSPAC Law and Ethics Committee (ALEC) Research ethics | Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children | University of Bristol

BHF clinical trial consent materials include an animation (to support patient information): BHF Protect TAVI (explainmyprocedure.com)

6. Inclusive public involvement & inclusive research


Improving inclusion of under-served groups in clinical research: Guidance from INCLUDE project https://www.nihr.ac.uk/documents/improving-inclusion-of-under-served-groups-in-clinical-research-guidance-from-include-project/25435


Inclusive Research online learning https://catalogue.manchester.ac.uk/browse/i3hs/open-courses/courses/inclusive-research

Inclusive Research Collective https://www.inclusiverc.com/

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in Science and Health https://edisgroup.org/

Research Design Service EDI toolkit https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kcdB8xCIJeg

7. Guidance for reward and recognition

NIHR policy research unit, Children and families https://www.ucl.ac.uk/children-policy-research/sites/children_policy_research/files/payment_and_recognition_policy_-_public_involvement.pdf

NIHR guidance for researchers: https://www.nihr.ac.uk/documents/payment-guidance-for-researchers-and-professionals/27392

NIHR guidance for public partners: https://www.nihr.ac.uk/documents/payment-guidance-for-members-of-the-public-considering-involvement-in-research/27372
**MRC Review of public involvement in research (2022)**

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