

Patient and Public Involvement - resources for researchers

The NIHR Oxford Biomedical Research Centre (BRC) and Musculoskeletal Biomedical Research Unit (BRU) offer a number of resources to help you to deliver on Patient and Public Involvement (PPI), as outlined in the PPI Strategy. The strategy was developed with guidance from the overarching group of Patients Active in Research (PAIR), and is being delivered under the direction of Sophie Petit-Zeman, Director of Patient Involvement.

The following resources are available:

- **The BRC/U PPI Strategy** - <http://oxfordbrc.nihr.ac.uk/public/ppi-strategy/>
- **The Patients Active in Research (PAIR) website**, which allows you to post your opportunities and members of the public in the Thames Valley to contact you if they are interested as well as to register to receive weekly updates of new opportunities. It's also possible for us to "matchmake" your opportunity with those registered if you ask us to - <http://patientsactiveinresearch.org.uk/>
- The PAIR website also hosts a range of resources that you might find helpful - <http://patientsactiveinresearch.org.uk/for-medical-researchers/> - including **case studies** of researchers across the UK, and examples of Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPI/E) from across the BRC/U - <http://patientsactiveinresearch.org.uk/for-medical-researchers/patient-and-public-involvement-and-engagement-activities/>
- A set of **Briefing Notes** to guide PPI work, and provide links to existing external resources such as those provided by INVOLVE and the Research Design Service - <http://oxfordbrc.nihr.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/PPI-Briefing-Notes-FINAL.pdf>
- The **Researchers' PPI Network**, which brings together PPI representatives from across the themes and working groups of the BRC/ U. The representatives act as PPI champions, or ambassadors, within their themes and working groups in order to inform their colleagues and embed PPI activity at the heart of each theme/ group. The Network holds one or two workshops each year. Please contact us if you would like more information.
- A local hub for setting up and supporting **James Lind Alliance Priority Setting Partnerships**, which help to identify the research that matters most to patients/carers and clinicians across a growing range of health conditions - http://oxfordbrc.nihr.ac.uk/working_groups/patients-active-in-research/the-james-lind-alliance/

- Help with preparing **Lay Summaries of clinical trials** for the HRA and trial registers - please contact us for a copy of the Guidance Note on this, or for help.
- A PPI “surgery” – Sandra is available for conversations on request. Please book by e-mail.
- A Payment Policy, setting out the guiding principles you should follow in order to offer payment for people’s time when they get involved. Please contact us for a copy of this.
- A blog on patient involvement, which offers links to internal and external resources <http://oxfordbrc.nihr.ac.uk/blog/>
- healthtalk.org modules on **people’s experiences of being involved with research** <http://www.healthtalk.org/peoples-experiences/medical-research/patient-and-public-involvement-research/topics> and **researchers’ experiences of patient & public involvement** <http://www.healthtalk.org/peoples-experiences/medical-research/researchers-experiences-patient-public-involvement/topics>, carried out by Louise Locock, the BRC Health Experiences Fellow.
- An ongoing **project to develop and evaluate a PPI ‘complex intervention’** aimed at enhancing recruitment and retention in surgical trials, led by Joanna Crocker the BRC Patient Involvement Impact Assessment Fellow - <http://www.situ.ox.ac.uk/develop/patient-and-public-involvement/pirrist>

You can see more about the PPI Working Group activities in general at http://oxfordbrc.nihr.ac.uk/working_groups/patients-active-in-research/patients-active-in-research-pair-projects/

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