

# **Consultation on the draft Oxford Biomedical Research Centre Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement Strategy (2022-2027)**

## **1. What is this consultation about?**

We are inviting your views on the draft Oxford Biomedical Research Centre (Oxford BRC) Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE) Strategy (2022-2027) to ensure the strategy is widely engaging and relevant.

Your feedback will help to ensure the Oxford BRC PPIE Strategy works for patients, their families and carers, the public, partner organisations and staff.

The strategy outlines the Oxford BRC's approach to patient and public involvement and engagement (PPIE). A plan will be developed to explain how the strategy will be developed.

## **2. You are invited to give your views by 12 September 2021**

Please read the strategy and then fill out the online question to give your views by 12 September. The questionnaire should take no more than 10 minutes to complete.

The questionnaire can be accessed here: [Strategy questionnaire](#).

If you would like a hard copy of this survey to be posted to you, or if you need support to fill it out, please contact Rachel Taylor or Polly Kerr (contacts below).

## **3. How was the strategy developed and how we will use your feedback?**

PPIE contributors and staff supported the development of the strategy. A project group, led by a PPIE contributor, co-produced the draft strategy.

We will explore the key themes from the feedback and make appropriate changes. We will publish a report about the consultation on the [Oxford BRC](#) website.

## 4. Further information

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Oxford BRC is a collaboration between the University of Oxford and Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust to fund medical research.

England's 20 Biomedical Research Centres are funded by the NIHR which has a [ten year plan](#) for public involvement. The NIHR mission is to have:

“The public as partners in everything we do to deliver high quality research that improves the health, wellbeing and wealth of the nation”.

A Department of Health & Social Care recent publication, [Saving and improving lives: the future of UK clinical research delivery](#) echoes this commitment to “patient-centred research, research open to everyone”.

Oxford BRC is strongly committed to ensuring public voices are heard and inform research. This strategy has four priorities for PPIE and a detailed plan will be developed later, outlining how the priorities will be delivered.

## 5. Key terms used in the strategy

- **Patient** - a person who is or has been under NHS (or other healthcare provider) health care for a condition related to their involvement in health research.
- **Public** – any member of the public, including those involved with public health research, e.g. vaccine development.
- **Carer** – a family member or friend who has an unpaid caring role for a patient (as described above).
- **Patient and Public Involvement (PPI)** is research done “with” or “by” patients and the public. Examples of PPI are patients working with researchers to decide what research should be done and helping make patient information easier to understand.
- **Public Engagement** is raising awareness and sharing knowledge about research. Examples of public engagement are researchers holding a webinar about COVID-19 research and writing articles in newspapers about research.
- **PPIE** includes both **PPI** and **Public Engagement**. **PPIE** is about involving patients, their families and carers, and the public to improve and raise awareness of research.

- **Participation** is when people take part in a research study e.g., consenting to give blood samples for a research study into breast cancer.
- **Themes** relate to the areas of research, e.g. diabetes etc. Here is information about the [Oxford BRC Research Themes](#),
- **Under-served groups**. One [NIHR report](#) provides this description:

*“Some key characteristics that are common to several under-served groups are:*

- *Lower inclusion in research than one would expect from population estimates*
- *High healthcare burden that is not matched by the volume of research designed for the group*
- *Important differences in how a group responds to or engages with healthcare interventions compared to other groups, with research neglecting to address these factors”*

## **6. Contact**

Further information, support to complete the survey or questions please contact:

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***Thank you for taking the time to give your views***