

## Oxford Diversity in Research Group – key activities 2022

This short summary provides an overview of the Diversity in Research Group activities and achievements in 2022.

### 1. In person events

**1.1 Blavatnik School of Government, March 2022** – DiR group presented to researchers on their experiences (led by BRCs supported by PPIE contributors and other PPIE leads) *Primary audience: researchers*. News article about this event is [here](#).

Films were made for researcher training and to encourage the public to get involved with research. These have been used extensively in researcher training sessions.

Link Film 1: [Involving people from diverse communities in healthcare research - YouTube](#)

Link Film 2: [NIHR Oxford Health and Oxford BRC: Ideas and tips for Public Patient Involvement](#)

**1.2 Old Fire Station, June 2022** – DiR group and other contributors joined researchers to support research projects (led by BRCs supported by PPIE contributors and other PPIE leads). *Primary audience: researchers*. News article about this event is [here](#).

Topics discussed with researchers included:

- Black African, Asian and Caribbean women’s experience of post-natal pain
- Supporting GP practices in recruiting people from South Asian origin to research
- Recruitment to research in the post-pandemic context of remote clinical consultations and less in person interactions
- Increasing participation in research among the South Asian community
- The Diabetes Adaptive Weight management Network “NewDAWN”
- The management of mouth care during patient’s stay in a hospital ward
- Managing Urinary Tract Infections (UTI) in women
- Building a patient group for the Emergency Department
- Technical development projects in T1 mapping (a magnetic resonance imaging technique)  
The use of Artificial Intelligence-based imaging technology for faster, cheaper and less invasive heart scans
- Helping people with cystic fibrosis to get support

**1.3 Old Fire Station, July 2022** – PPIE contributors were invited to an EDI training workshop (led by Pavel supported by other PPIE leads) *Audience: PPIE contributors*. News article about this event is [here](#).

**1.4 St Catherine’s, Nov 2022** – PPIE engagement and involvement event (led by BRCs supported by other PPIE leads and contributors) *Primary audience: PPIE contributors*. News article about this event is [here](#).

### 2. Online group meetings

Online meetings were held monthly and included discussions on the following research topics:

- UK Bangladeshi and Pakistani communities – talking to children about serious illness of relative
- EDI in Vaccines Theme
- Anti-biotics

In addition, the group discussed and progressed a number of key projects: DiR group research project, Terms of Reference and developing the group with new membership.

### 3. Training

Members attended training sessions in:

- Chairing meetings
- Presentation Skills
- Critical appraisal (for those undertaking the literature review)

### 4. Requests for researcher support (outside the meetings)

Group members responded to requests for ad-hoc support from researchers on topics including:

- Pain relief for babies' vaccinations
- Physician associates
- Vaginal thrush
- Paediatric clinical care
- Citizen Scientists – non-alcoholic fatty liver disease
- Polygenic risk scores
- AI in healthcare
- Diabetes
- Viral hepatitis B
- OUH Clinical Trials page
- A diversity seminar in Feb 2022.
- Aid for midwives and women in the antenatal period.

### Key planned activities for 2023

In addition to the regular activities of supporting researchers, please find below some key activities planned for 2023. We can discuss at the next meeting.

#### 1. **Group meetings**

There will be 6 regular meetings of the group - online and 2 in person (we have had to cut down on meetings due to the budget restraints. There will likely be 2 other opportunities for in person wider PPIE contributor meetings in the year).

Meeting	Month/time	In person/online	Venue
January	23 <sup>rd</sup> January (Monday 6-7.30pm)	Online	Online
March	16 <sup>th</sup> March	In person	TBC (Oxford)
May	22nd (Monday 6-7.30pm)	Online	Online

July	13th July	In person	TBC (Oxford)
October	9th (Monday 6-7.30pm)	Online	Online
Dec	7 <sup>th</sup> (Thursday 12.30-2pm)	Online	Online

## 2. **New members for the group**

We are seeking up to about 5 new members to join group– we will meet in person on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Shamin has offered to support recruitment of new members in Oxfordshire – please get in touch if you would like to help.

## 3. **Diversity in Research Group research project**

Senior PPI Researcher, Dr Jo Crocker, who we are very fortunate to have part of the Oxford BRC, is running the Diversity in Research Group project which many of you are involved in. Jo will organise meetings for this with you separately.

## 4. **Supporting the application for more funding**

Many of you attended the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> November at St Catherine’s College where we discussed the application for funding to support outreach work. More information on how you can get involved in this work has been sent to you.

## 5. **Finalise and refine the Terms of Reference**

There are a few changes that need to be made to the terms of reference, both to support the running of the group and to ensure we are compliant with organisational structures. We will talk about these in January.

*Thank you everyone for the huge amount of work in 2022 and looking forward to working with you in 2023!*

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