

Top Tips for Public Involvement in Research

How to Report PPI in funding applications

Health Research Authority

1. **How** patients shaped the research question or **why** patients thought the research important (not merely stating that patients thought it important)
2. How patients shaped the intervention and decided which outcome measures to use in clinical trials
3. How patients' input was used to minimise the burden on participants
4. How patients influenced the ethical design of a trial e.g. whether use of placebo would be acceptable
5. Where patients identified that participants might potentially experience distress and what appropriate changes had been made in response
6. How practical arrangements were changed to better meet the needs of participants e.g. follow up clinics at more appropriate times
7. How recruitment processes were changed to be sensitive to the emotional and practical needs of potential participants
8. How patients were involved in deciding what questions to ask in interviews/ focus groups, rather than only being asked comment on the wording of questions written by researchers.
9. How patients were involved in designing the protocol and patient facing information from the start, the responses they gave and the changes made as a result
10. How patients would continue to be involved in the project at different stages with a clear explanation of what input was expected and how it might shape future decisions.