

HSC R&D Division: Award Holder Views of Personal and Public Involvement (PPI)

RESULTS BASED ON 55 RESPONSES TO AN ONLINE SURVEY



Advice from HSC R&D Division reported as helpful or very helpful

84%



"Provided one-to-one meetings to discuss PPI needs and I was signposted to building research partnerships meeting"

"I got to chat with the PIER group - who provided very timely and helpful advice"

Those who involved PIER rated the group as helpful or very helpful

91%



Who are PIER?

PIER (Public Involvement Enhancing Research) are a panel of PPI representatives, established by HSC R&D Division in 2010 to support implementation of PPI

What made PPI in research easier?

Access to a PPI group who could input to the design of the study

Planning PPI from the start of their research projects

Clear guidance on the PPI in funding scheme, dedicated time and direction to PPI representatives



"We have a well-established network of patients and relevant charities"

"Requires careful planning ahead of bid and after to ensure appropriate PPI engagement and involvement"

What made PPI in research difficult?

Covid-19 restricted ability to bring groups together or diverted clinicians back to clinical practice

Finding access to PPI representatives within the subject area e.g. younger children or older members of the public

Identifying the fit for PPI within the research area e.g. secondary data, studies involving staff

Lack of financial incentives



"Somewhat difficult to access people with lived experience of condition of interest"

"It is not always easy to align PPI with rigorous theoretically sound research in an area of new knowledge development"

What more can HSC R&D Division do to support researchers with PPI?

Wider promotion of the training and guidance on offer, and the PPI opportunities available

Establish a database with a broader range of PPI representatives

Enable researchers to access PPI seed funding

Create a buddy scheme for new awardees

Make PPI training more accessible e.g. online

Evaluation of HSC R&D Division against the UK Standards for Public Involvement



Inclusive opportunities

Agreed HSC R&D Division is working to address practical barriers to PPI, such as payment for time of PPI reps and other practical supports

67%



Communications

Agreed that HSC R&D Division clearly communicates the PPI opportunities available to researchers and public partners

67%

Impact

Agreed the PPI processes HSC R&D Division uses positively affects the quality of the research it funds

89%



Working together

Agreed that HSC R&D Division promotes different ways of working with the service users, carers, patients and the public in relation to the research it funds

75%

Support and Learning

Rated that the HSC R&D Division's PPI training (Building Research Partnerships) they attended was helpful or very helpful

80%



Governance

Agreed that HSC R&D Division provides visible leadership for PPI across the R&D infrastructure

75%