

OUR STRATEGY

BACKGROUND

Our Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE) strategy has been informed by the current status at the centre and the [National Standards for Public Involvement in Research](#). Our aims and objectives, developed by patients, carers, members of the public, researchers, PPIE experts, and healthcare professionals, aim to embed PPIE meaningfully at both a centre level and in individual research projects. We will work together to create inclusive opportunities, with appropriate support, training and governance, capturing impact and communicating our work.

AIMS

1. To embed good governance for PPIE within the PSTRC

It is important to ensure that patients, carers, and members of the public have a voice in decision making at the Centre and that there is a clear line of accountability.

2. To build capacity within the PSTRC to carry out high quality PPIE

Researchers, healthcare professionals, and public members should be appropriately developed, supported and empowered to carry out PPIE.

3. To increase the diversity of the voices involved in research at the PSTRC

It is important to work with community groups and expand our network of public members, and hear more from those who are part of under-represented groups, to ensure our opportunities are accessible and our research is relevant to everyone.

4. To ensure the PSTRC is connected with other organisations carrying out PPIE

Collaboration and sharing learning are important to ensure we are building on knowledge, best practice and existing resources in relation to PPIE.

5. To co-produce projects, be more innovative and add to the PPIE evidence base

Appropriately co-produce some research projects from start to finish with members of the public, researchers, healthcare professionals, and other stakeholders, including more explicit sharing of power. We believe that there is potential for more innovation in PPIE, working with designers to push boundaries and build the evidence base.

6. To capture and monitor the impact of our PPIE activities

It is important to capture the impact of our PPIE activities, to support continuous learning and iterate ways of working to improve outcomes. Demonstrating the value of PPIE in

research will also help to maintain PPIE as a priority and shape how this should best be done.

7. To communicate about our research and our PPIE activities

It is important to communicate about our work to patients, carers, the public, researchers, healthcare professionals, policy makers, and industry, to ensure our research is translated into policy and practice and to encourage involvement and collaborations. We will use different approaches to communication with these different groups. We wish to raise the Centre's patient safety and PPIE profiles by sharing our activities and learning, nationally and internationally.

GOVERNANCE

Our PPIE team delivers our strategy. It is overseen by the PPIE Advisory Board, made up of three public members, researchers, healthcare professionals, the PPIE lead and external PPIE experts. It is co-chaired by a public member and the PPIE Academic-Champion. It meets twice a year to discuss how to improve PPIE at the centre.

The Research Partners Group, a diverse group of 11 patients and carers, that meets regularly to review research projects, PPIE plans and to link researchers to community groups.