

Patient and Public Involvement, Engagement and Participation (PPIEP)

Vocal brings people and health research together for everyone's benefit. We are part of the BRC and CRF infrastructure.

The BRC/CRF PPIEP strategy was developed with the Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic Research Advisory Group (BRAG), 60 public/community partners, 11 young people, including members of Voice Up (Young Persons' Research Advisory Group), 35 BRC/CRF researchers/research staff. It is based on our co-created values of Working Together, Everyone Matters, Innovating and Driving Excellence.

To deliver this strategy we;

- Recruit and support patients, carers and members of the public with diverse lived experience to Research Advisory Networks which support BRC and CRF activities
- Work closely with PPIE Leads/ Project Managers in each theme to prioritise projects for involvement
- Deliver inclusive PPIE activities (e.g. workshops, focus groups, co-applicant support) in partnership with research teams
- Provide advice, support and training on PPIE
- Collect and report on demographic data of public contributors
- Co-produce large scale engagement projects with community partners linked to BRC and CRF strategic priorities e.g. Cancer & Us
- Evaluate the difference that PPIE makes to research and those who take part by collecting data from public contributors and researchers
- Build relationships with diverse community organisations to support collaborative research
- Work strategically to embed strategic, joined-up and inclusive PPIEP across GM e.g. co-leading the NHSE GM-Research Engagement Network

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