

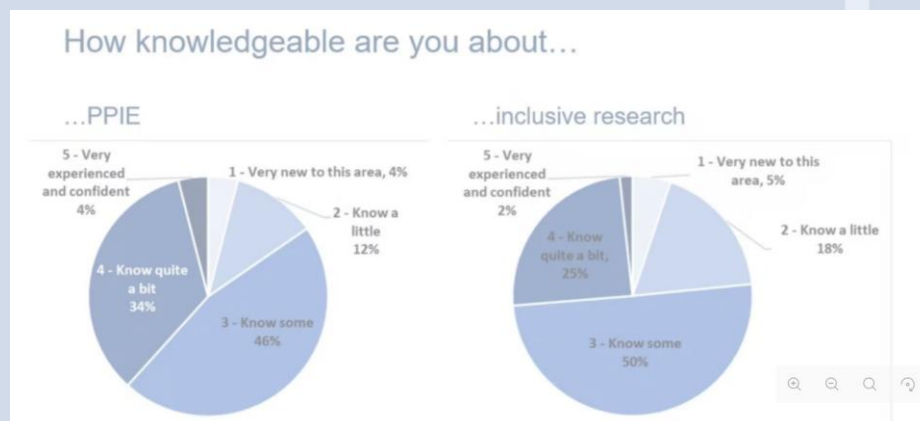
**The National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR)
Manchester Biomedical Research Centre (BRC) and NIHR
Manchester Clinical Research Facility (CRF):
Inclusive Research examples**



Case Title	Sharing PPIE and Inclusive Research Learnings across the BRC
BRC Cluster(s)	Cancer
BRC Theme(s)	NA (cluster-level event)
Inclusive Research Element	Hybrid event co-delivered with public and patient contributors
Rationale for case study	<p>With NIHR’s new requirement for research inclusion as a condition for funding, the Cancer Cluster organised a BRC-wide event to promote knowledge sharing for PPIE and inclusive research good practice.</p> <p>Inclusive research needs a partnership between PPIE, EDI for workforce and students and IR methodology. Training to demonstrate the impact of this approach for research inclusion is essential to provide a platform to develop the workforce especially early career researchers and students to the possibilities of co-production with experts through experience, participatory research and novel methodologies.</p>
Background	Individual project teams in the cancer cluster have delivered PPIE and research with an inclusive research focus but there has been limited opportunity to share these learnings across the BRC.
What we did	<p>An organising committee of project managers and early to mid career researchers from the Cancer Cluster, Inclusive Research Methods Team and Vocal organised a 4-hour hybrid event to promote knowledge sharing and discussion of practical learnings for PPIE and inclusive research.</p> <p>The event was advertised to all researchers and research support staff across the BRC, including those more and less experienced in PPIE and inclusive research.</p> <p>The event included short presentations by researchers with public contributors, panel discussions, presentations by Vocal and the Inclusive Research Methods Team and a Dragon’s Den style event where researchers pitched inclusive research ideas to a panel of public contributors with the opportunity to win funding.</p> <p>The organising committee agreed that it was important that the event was not just a showcase so presenters were given slide templates with pre-defined titles including ‘challenges and lessons learned’ and the event included interactive elements using Miro software and a networking lunch to promote collaboration. A hybrid approach was also taken to support attendance of more staff.</p> <p>At the start of the event, attendees provided the below responses to the question ‘what are you hoping to gain from this event?’</p> <div data-bbox="544 1805 1347 2190" data-label="Figure"> <p>The word cloud contains the following terms: knowledge and methods, knowledge and connections, learn different methods, learn practical informati, methods of ppie, more knowledge, networking, methods, inspiration for future, networking, practical examples, a different perspective, broader understanding, future planning, interaction, practical, connection, pitch money, insight, yes, inspiration, knowledge, more understanding, confidence, co-production, learn from others, share experiences, where to start, better understanding, ppie inclusivity, shared learning, inspiration for methods, better designed research, subject area knowledge, better understand ppie, collaboration, insights, learning, motivation to do more.</p> </div>



130 people attended the event with 80 in person and 50 online. Prior to the event, these were the results from a survey:



These were attendee responses to the question 'what top learning will you take away from today?'



What the outcome(s) is/are

After the event, of the 23 people who completed the feedback form, three quarters of respondents were highly satisfied with the event and the rest were satisfied.

Feedback about what attendees found most useful included 'Sharing best practice and networking' and 'Discussions about practical steps that have helped in others projects.'

Overall feedback about the event approach included 'Having public contributors as co-presenters was brilliant as this is often not the case at academic events' and 'The concept of the event was really inspiring, thank you. It's given us ideas that we can take forward.'

[LinkedIn post](#) summarizing event had significant engagement (29 reacts, 7 reposts, 2 comments).

3 researchers were awarded funding for the following areas: research dissemination, initial PPIE to support pre-doctoral fellowship application and co-developing new project idea with young people.

The Inclusive Research Methods Team publicised their qualitative study at the event, supporting recruitment to the study.

<p>Conclusions</p>	<p>Event was successful at sharing knowledge and lessons around PPIE and inclusive research and inspiring others to build their work in this area.</p> <p>The delegates understood the importance of the cycle of research inclusion as an operating principle of the cluster and themes where Vocal, EDI and IRM teams are embedded throughout.</p>
<p>Recommendations</p>	<p>Factors which helped contribute to the success of this event were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-designing event with researchers • Involving patient and public contributors • Presenting specific projects (rather than more general training/policy), with a focus on learning was valuable to attendees • Opportunity to win funding attracted some attendees • Hybrid approach is more inclusive, though requires staff to ensure online session runs smoothly • Interactive element e.g. Miro/Mentimeter and audience questions during panel discussions helped encourage attendee conversations • Networking coffee break and lunch useful for collaboration • Provide signposting at end of event to ensure impact from event
<p>Future work</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cancer cluster is planning an inclusive research methods training event focused on health economics approaches in 2026

