



Northern Ireland Chest Heart & Stroke

Personal & Public Involvement

Good patient and public involvement (PPI) means involving people affected by a health condition and/or their carers in the various stages of a research proposal. This may include planning, designing, implementing, managing, evaluating and/or disseminating their research. They are not just participants - they are active partners, and are considered part of the research team.

We believe that involving people affected by / living with chest, heart, and stroke conditions produces better quality, more relevant research. That is why we are asking applicants to show that they have considered Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) in the planning, design, implementation, management and dissemination of their grant application.

Essential pre-application reading

Spend some time to review the

- workshop Powerpoint slides and associated notes - these outline the decision making process;
- Workshop videos - particularly Prof Mike Clarke's workshop on research question formulation; and
- Our research strategy (<https://nichs.org.uk/assets/resources/Research-Strategy-2018-2023-final-update-mar2019.docx>)

<https://nichs.org.uk/research-policy/research/research-application-process/how-to-apply-to-the-srg-programme>

How can NICHS help?

1. If you're looking for participants, service user input for, or involvement in your research project, you can make a request to ask people who use our services. Requests should be made as early as possible in your application process in order for them to be considered.
2. To make a request - complete the Service user Contact Application form, included in the NICHS grant application pack, <https://nichs.org.uk/research-policy/research/research-application-process/how-to-apply-to-the-srg-programme>

Some resources

1. HSC R&D Division: Personal and Public Involvement (PPI) in Research. <https://research.hscni.net/personal-and-public-involvement-ppi-research>
2. Standards for Public Involvement: <https://sites.google.com/nih.ac.uk/pi-standards/standards>
3. NIHR - what is public involvement in research? <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/documents/briefing-notes-for-researchers-public-involvement-in-nhs-health-and-social-care-research/27371>
4. NIHR Co-production in Action: <https://arc-nenc.nihr.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/NIHR-Co-production-in-Action-Number-One-April-2021.pdf>
5. INVOLVE Good practice in active public involvement in research: <https://research.hscni.net/sites/default/files/GoodPracticeD3.pdf>
6. Engage PPI site - a central resource for involvement in Health and Social Care (HSC) in Northern Ireland: "What is PPI?" <http://engage.hscni.net/what-is-ppi/>
7. Engage guides: <http://engage.hscni.net/get-involved/involving-people/guides-to-personal-and-public-involvement/quality-improvement/>
8. Engage involvement tools: <http://engage.hscni.net/get-involved/involving-people/methods-of-involvement/co-production-and-involvement-tools/>
9. Health Research Authority: Top Tips for Public Involvement in Research - How to Report PPI in funding applications. <https://urlshortner.org/mCDul>