

Collaborative Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement with our NIHR partners



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Background

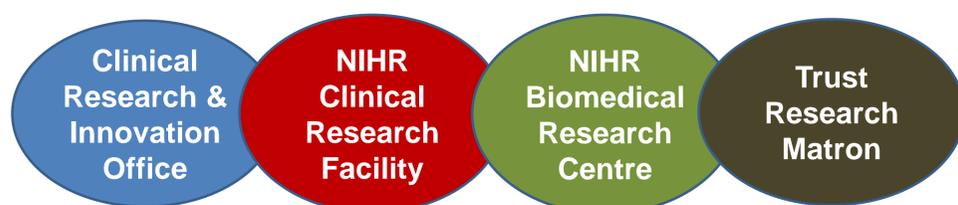
The Clinical Research & Innovation Office (CRIO) and the hosted NIHR funded partners at Sheffield Teaching Hospitals (STH) are committed to promoting and facilitating patient and public involvement in research.

OUR AIM:

To facilitate a coordinated delivery of patient and public involvement and engagement (PPIE) advice and support to researchers Trust wide, whilst ensuring activity is focussed for our different target audiences

Our Approach

Establish a collaborative PPIE working group comprising an individual, or a representative from:

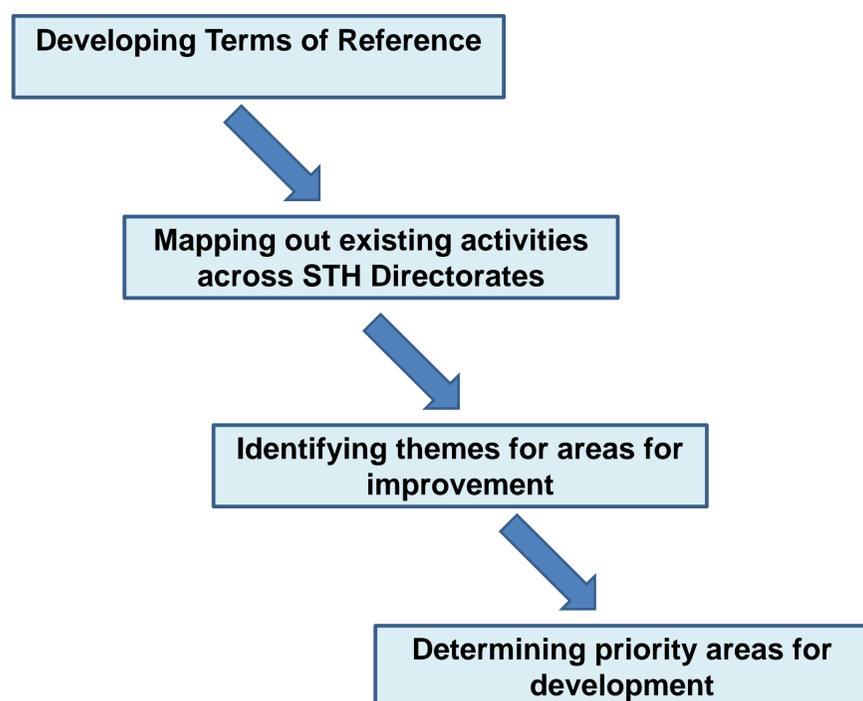


Objectives:

1) Consolidate existing PPIE activities across the Directorates within STH

2) Widen the scope of our PPIE activities in research

To define the purpose of the group and focus the group's activities we started by:



Findings

Mapping the existing activities revealed there is much interconnected activity taking place facilitated by a core group of staff; but the following areas were identified for development:



Actions and Progress

- Identifying areas for improvement fed into co-designing a Trust Research Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement strategy in collaboration with patients and public.
- Within the themes identified, priority areas for future development were determined. Progress and activities within the themes are as follows:

Training

To develop tailored packages relevant to the target audience:

- Designing a bespoke Patient & Public Involvement training session for Biomedical Research Centre (BRC) trainees
- Developing training materials with patients and public to ensure they are appropriate for individuals with diverse communication needs

Communication

- The Clinical Research & Innovation Office applied and were successful in their application to be a test bed site for the Public Involvement Standards in Research with a specific focus on "Communications"
- This will involve the Clinical Research Facility (CRF), BRC, researchers, PRAs, patients and public, and other local groups in Sheffield
- The Clinical Research & Innovation Office, and the Biomedical Research Centre launched a Twitter account
- Introduction of research news/topics in the weekly Trust communications news email; this started with the UKCRF Research Awareness Survey
- The BRC launched a new website, and the CRF optimised their website for phones and tablets

Public Engagement

To identify and act upon opportunities to engage with the public about research at STH, activities undertaken, and planned, include:

- A public launch event for the BRC (December 2017); 70 members of the public attended
- A "Research" talk at the Trust Work Experience Induction Day for 14-18y olds (August 2018)
- Tours of the CRF for 6th form students and members of the public (May 2018)
- Collaboration with other organisations including the University of Sheffield and Sheffield Children's Hospital to host an event for International Clinical Trials Day that will coincide with NHS @70 celebrations (July 2018)

Summary

- Whilst demonstrating a collective commitment to PPIE across the Trust, this collaborative working highlighted the need to increase the variety of PPIE, and ensure it is evidenced throughout the life cycle of research
- Working together ensures the expertise of the various infrastructures are utilised to their full extent and, together with the Public Involvement Standards, will enable us to improve the quality of public involvement in research at Sheffield Teaching Hospitals
- Encouraging progress has been made within the last few months and we will continue to work together, and with staff, patients and the public to deliver high quality and accessible PPIE activities and opportunities

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