

Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE) Training - Empowering Researchers and Patients

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Excellent.....always inspiring and interesting..... (reason) why I do my job.

Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE) in research can be daunting to all research professionals at different stages of the research cycle. However, PPIE should be at the forefront of all Research and Development (R&D) activities.

The Clinical Research Network West Midlands (CRN WM) has developed a two hour PPIE training workshop for professionals. This training is designed to be a snapshot of the various PPIE initiatives that R&D professionals, as well as research Principal Investigators, Chief Investigators and delivery teams can initiate at their NHS organisation.

This training is delivered by the CRN WM PPIE team and lay representatives (including young people). It is an interactive session combining films, interactive table discussions and real life examples of good practice, as described by lay representatives (two lay representatives are named as authors above). To date, six training sessions, reaching out to 66 people have been successfully delivered, with excellent feedback.

The training is provided through the West Midlands Research Training Collaborative.

This workshop covers initiatives such as the National Institute for Health Research Patient Research Ambassador Initiative, Patient Stories, Join Dementia Research  and Patient Research Experience Surveys. The workshop also focuses on how to raise awareness about research and illustrates how lay representatives, as part of a group or individually, can be involved in both CRN and NHS core research activities.

The CRN WM is in the process of organising PPIE training sessions specifically for lay representatives in the region. In addition to this, training is also being developed for the CRN WM Early Contact and Engagement in Research team, so that they can give researchers, at the grant and early Health Research Authority (HRA) submission stage, the best advice in order to ensure they consider meaningful PPIE.

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This was an extremely well run and enjoyable session - thank you very much.

Nice to have the young members there to give real experiences.

Good to know what different roles PPIE members can undertake.

Great start to promoting partnerships.

It was fantastic to hear from a Patient Research Ambassador and the sort of things/activities they are involved with.

The overall delivery and content was excellent. Helped me to broaden my knowledge of PPIE.