

NIHR CLAHRC Wessex - Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) Strategy

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Introduction

The NIHR considers Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) to be an important part of the research that they fund and there is an expectation for researchers to actively involve the public in their research. Patient and Public involvement is encouraged in all of the CLAHRC Wessex projects.

Vision

Our vision is that public involvement will be embedded across the CLAHRC Wessex, with patient and public perspectives being integrated across all aspects of the research process and the organisation as a whole. This will contribute to and enable the further development and sustaining of a thriving health research environment, so as to improve the health and wellbeing of the people of Wessex.

Fundamentally our purpose is to increase the public involvement with research and establish patient needs and opinions in order to influence the research agenda for patient benefit. To provide a platform for patients and public to be directly involved in the whole research process including priority setting agenda and project design.

Strategic Aims

Much has been achieved with PPI under the auspices of CLAHRC Wessex, as we move into the final two years of this five year NIHR-funded project. We will continue to deliver that which we have successfully achieved to date; what follows focusses strongly on that which lies above and beyond existing achievements.

1. **Develop capacity for PPI in the research and implementation programmes of NIHR CLAHRC Wessex;**

Actions:

- To continue to work with our research teams to ensure that the roles PPI can play in research and implementation are fully understood and that the benefits of PPI engagement are fully realised.
- Capacity-building work over the last 3 years has placed us in a very good position in relation to current demands. Existing and short term needs are being met and further growth of PPI Contributor resource pool will be targeted and reactive to specific research needs.
- To make full use of the resource provided by the creation of the Wessex PIN (Public Involvement Network) and to support its development across Wessex.
- Annual personal development reviews to be implemented for PPI Theme Champions, towards understanding wider PPI learning and development needs.
- To broaden the range and number of people who have the opportunity to engage with the work of the CLAHRC through the development of a social media platform (Facebook).
- To continue the offer of learning and development activities for PPI contributors including participation in NIHR CLAHRC Wessex learning events e.g. Fellows' workshops.
- Development of additional resources to facilitate promotion of CLAHRC Wessex PPI.

2. Promote the research and implementation activities of NIHR CLAHRC Wessex through public engagement;

Actions:

- Review and update the CLAHRC PPI website pages to ensure they continue to be relevant and fit for purpose.
- Disseminate information on the CLAHRC Wessex PPI model of stimulating public involvement via the PPI Champion model and to make this information accessible to a wide range of audiences.
- Further facilitate promotion of NIHR CLAHRC Wessex work through the development of a PPI Facebook page.

3. Develop and evaluate approaches for involving patients and the public in the identification of research and implementation priorities;

Actions:

- To ensure PPI colleagues are fully engaged in the prioritisation of future CLAHRC work
- Identification of research priorities from diverse network of PPI stakeholder organisations and individuals.
- Continuing to work with themes and PPI Champions to ensure PPI is fit for purpose with a view to the research in progress.

4. Develop a cadre of service user researchers able to work in partnership to design, plan, carry out, analyse, and disseminate research;

Actions:

- SURI project now complete and disseminated.

5. Map out the development of patient and public involvement within NIHR CLAHRC Wessex

Actions:

- PPI Mapping project has been completed and feedback provided to those involved. CLAHRC Wessex will continue to monitor and evaluate the development of its PPI work.

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