

Research Engagement Newsletter

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NIHR Patient Research Experience Survey (PRES)

New guidance on delivering PRES has been published. Please visit the PRES [webpage](#) to view a localised version, which includes background PRES information, links to surveys, site codes and details on how to access the ODP app where you can view the live PRES dashboard.

Since the introduction of [PRES at Barts Health](#), we have been one of the best-performing Trusts in the North Thames Clinical Research Network (CRN), exceeding our survey response targets and outperforming other Trusts across the region.

Our PRES target for 22/23, based on 3% of our total recruitment to NIHR Portfolio studies in 21/22, is **455** survey responses. Entering Q3 (Oct-Dec 22), Barts Health has submitted just 53 responses. We urgently need more NIHR Portfolio study participants to complete PRES, if we are to meet our 22/23 target.

Get in touch to find out more about delivering PRES to your study participants. Contact: Neeta and James, Research Engagement team at patientsinresearch.bartshealth@nhs.net

Patient Research Champions (PRCs)

We have so far placed four Patient Research Champions (PRCs) with research teams across the Trust since we reinstated the programme earlier this year. We have received many applications from individuals who would like to volunteer as a PRC, but there has been little uptake from our researchers, and we have not been able to find placements for some of our applicants. As a result, we have temporarily stopped new applications, until we find placements for all PRCs currently waiting to start.

We are looking to find placements for two PRCs, with research teams based at Royal London, Newham or Whipps Cross. If you are interested in working with a PRC, please contact James at patientsinresearch.bartshealth@nhs.net

News and Events

New NIHR guidance for public contributors has been released. The [Starting Out Guide](#) has been written to help and advise members of the public who would like to get involved or have recently become involved in research.

Engagement, Diversity, and Inclusion plays a key role within public involvement. Strides have been made to make our research more inclusive of underserved communities; earlier this year, RDS launched the [Equality, Diversity and Inclusion \(EDI\) toolkit](#) which is designed to support researchers to consider and embed 'EDI' at each stage of research. Read more [here](#).

Slow, complicated payment procedures have long been a barrier for public contributors, patients and members of the public who contribute to research. [New guidance](#) has been developed by Health and Care Research Wales, the National Institute for Health and Care Research, and the Health Research Authority to make this process easier. You can read the guidance [here](#). Please take a look at our [JRMO webpage](#) for guidance on reimbursing expenses and payments for research involvement and participation at Barts Health and QM.



NIHR's recent discussions of knowledge mobilisation may provide new opportunities to advance public involvement practices. Read more [here](#).

QMUL and Social Action for Health are inviting you to join a conversation on 'The Future of Community Health' taking place on Monday 14th November, 4-6pm, in the Octagon on the Queen Mary Mile End campus. Young adults will be sharing their insights and priorities for health in east London, exploring how we build trust in our communities, the health priorities of young people and representation of diverse voices in research. To find out more and register, please visit [Eventbrite](#).

Funding opportunities

QMUL have released their deadlines for grant applications for the new academic year. The Centre for Public Engagement's (CPEs) [Large grants](#) are an annual scheme providing £1,000-10,000 of funding for projects that engage the public with work at QMUL. Applications close on **Monday 7th November**. [Small grants](#), which provide £600-1,000 of funding for smaller scale or pilot engagement activities are also now open for applications. The scheme is open with a rolling deadline of the 15th of each month until May.

The CPE team are hosting extra advice surgeries throughout October, should you require any assistance or help with your application. If you are interested, please check out the dates below book online [here](#). The Research Engagement team also offer bespoke advice services for all PPIE matters, including funding applications. Please get in touch with Neeta and James to discuss further.

October:

- Tuesday 25 October: 10am-12noon

November:

- Tuesday 8 November: 10am-12noon
- Tuesday 22 November: 10am-12noon

AHRC: Engage the public with the future of health and care in the UK – Up to £40,000 for projects bringing the public into dialogue about the future of health and social care.

Deadline: 13 December 2022, 4pm. Find out more [here](#).

MRC: Seed Fund – Up to £10,000 for MRC funded researchers to pilot and deliver public engagement activities. **Deadline: Rolling.** Find out more [here](#).

STFC: Reaction Awards – Up to £5,000 to support public engagement programmes which are focused on new and/or unexpected significant developments related to STFC's science and technology remit, or show significantly heightened awareness of the social, cultural, or economic impacts of STFC science and technology. **Deadline: Rolling.** Find out more [here](#)

