

# Research Engagement Newsletter

## December 2022

### Patient Research Experience Survey (PRES) Update

We recently published our updated localised guidance on the survey, including background information, links to surveys, site codes and details on how to access the ODP app where you can view the live PRES dashboard. If you have not yet seen the new guidance, please take a look via our [PRES webpage](#).

Based on 3% of our total recruitment to NIHR Portfolio studies in 21/22, our target for survey responses in 22/23 is **455 responses**. Mid-way through December, Barts Health has recorded **191 responses**. With just over three months remaining until the end of Q4, we have a long way to go if we are to reach our target. We are currently working with 12 teams across 16 medical specialties but are always looking for new teams to join us in administering the survey. If you are interested in delivering PRES to your study participants, please contact Neeta and James at [patientsinresearch.bartshealth@nhs.net](mailto:patientsinresearch.bartshealth@nhs.net)

The NIHR have released their national [PRES summary report](#) for 2021/22, which accounts for the responses of all adults and children who completed the survey last year. Additionally, the [CRN: NT summary report](#) has recently been published. Comprised of 1,078 total survey responses for 2021/22, the CRN fell short of the target of 2,237 responses. Across the national and local reports, feedback from our research participants is overwhelmingly positive.

### PPIE News

#### NIHR's Research Ready Communities Programme

The Research Ready Communities Programme aims to understand how Clinical Research Networks (CRNs) could build better relationships with under-served communities. The programme pilot was rolled out last year across three areas (Blackpool, Brixton, and Doncaster) with the aim to build meaningful, long-term relationships with these communities and increase their access to health and care research opportunities. The [pilot evaluation](#) was recently completed and released.

#### Health Research Authority (HRA) News

People's lived experiences should be a key driver for health and social care research, which is why excellent public involvement is an essential part of research practice. In line with the [UK Standards for Public Involvement](#), the HRA are [embedding public involvement in health and social care research](#) into the decision making processes of their organisations.

For the first time ever, the HRA, are involving people in the planning of their work. They are looking to recruit three members of the Public Involvement Network to join the hybrid planning meeting on 31 January 2023, who will help ensure the work being planned is in line with their new [strategy](#) to make it easy to do research that people trust. More information and how to apply can be found [here](#).



[Health Data Research UK \(HDR UK\)](#) has joined the Health Research Authority and a host of other organisations to sign up to [the Shared Commitment to Public Involvement](#) in Health and Social Care Research. The commitment aims to bring about changes to improve standards in health and social care research. Read more [here](#).

### **Centre for Public Engagement (CPE) News**

The Centre for Public Engagement Small Grants are a monthly scheme developed to enable Queen Mary staff and students the opportunity to deliver small-scale projects that engage the public with University research, teaching, or core business. The CPE are currently looking for a member of the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry to join the [CPE Small Grants Panel](#). If you or someone you know may be interested in joining, please contact [publicengagement@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:publicengagement@qmul.ac.uk).

In light of the CPE [Small Grants scheme](#) being reopened for this academic year, the CPE are sharing reflections from past recipients. QMUL Researcher Ratna Sohapna was awarded a Public Engagement Small Grant in 2022, for her work on how health researchers can better engage with people from minoritised communities. In this [insightful reflection](#), Ratna discusses the importance of working with community members, and makes recommendations to improve engagement in trials for underserved groups.

On Wednesday 18th January, Queen Mary will be hosting Universities across the U.K. at a one day conference with [Citizens UK](#). The conference will explore the benefits of forming relationships with local communities, providing practical case-studies of how this works in different universities for the mutual benefit of research, teaching and knowledge exchange. [Find out more and register](#) for the conference.

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