

# Patient and Public Involvement, Engagement & Participation Strategy 2022-2027 Summary

The NIHR Barts BRC is a partnership of Barts Health NHS Trust, Queen Mary University of London, St George's University Hospitals NHS Trust and St George's University of London; the NIHR Barts CRF is a partnership of Barts Health NHS Trust and Queen Mary University of London. Both the BRC and CRF are part of the NIHR and hosted by Barts Health NHS Trust.

Our Patient and Public Involvement, Engagement & Participation (PPIE/P) strategy is designed to actively involve patients and the public in healthcare research. The strategy recognises the important contributions that patients and the public make to help shape our research projects and services.

## **Definitions**

Participation - where people take part in a research study

Engagement - where information and knowledge about research is shared with patients and the general public

Involvement - where members of the public are actively involved in shaping research projects and advising research organisations.



The aim of the strategy is to make sure patients and members of the public are involved at every stage of our research; by doing so, we aim to:

- a) make our research more relevant to the needs of our patients
- b) foster a sense of ownership and accountability within the wider research community
- c) enhance the impact of our initiatives, ultimately improving patient care, outcomes and satisfaction.

The strategy contains several key parts:

1. We will raise awareness among patients, the public and healthcare professionals about the value and benefits of public involvement. These educational projects will address misconceptions or barriers associated with research and encourage participation in studies.
2. We will build strong partnerships with community groups and organisations, and other stakeholders to make sure that patients' and public views are at the centre of our research agenda, policy development, and decision-making processes.
3. We will create a culture that encourages co-creation and collaboration with patients and members of the public. Patients and the public will actively participate in the design, running, and evaluation of research projects and services.
4. We will monitor and assess the impact of public involvement, measure outcomes, and identify areas for improvement. Based on results, we will continuously refine our processes and practices, keeping patient and public input at the centre of our decision-making.

**A detailed PPIE/P SMART action plan can be found in the full strategy document.**

