

## CUH Patient and Public Involvement

### Autumn 2022 Newsletter

News and update on PPI in the East of England

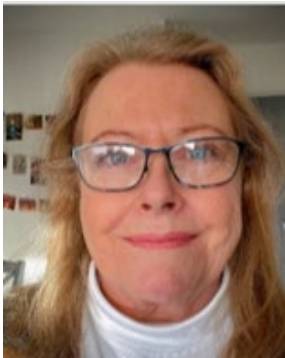
**Welcome to the Autumn 2022 edition. This will be our last newsletter of the year and we would like to thank you all for your contributions to research.**

You are receiving this as you have previously asked to be added to our newsletter subscriber list. We use this regular newsletter to keep you up to date with local and national PPI news, training events and other opportunities. If you would rather not remain on our subscription list, please email [cuh.ppi@nhs.net](mailto:cuh.ppi@nhs.net) to update your preferences.



## Welcome Gail!

A warm welcome to the team's new PPI coordinator, Gail Holloway.



**Gail will be working with Dr Amanda Stranks, Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) Strategy Lead, to help researchers design PPI plans for their studies and run training sessions.**

Gail has a wealth of experience in healthcare administration, including most recently as team leader in the ophthalmology clinic at Addenbrooke's hospital. A recent change in family circumstances threw Gail right in the forefront of cutting-edge clinical research. This proved literally life-saving, and so she has seen first-hand the benefits of clinical research and is a keen advocate for PPI throughout the research life cycle. Gail will also be the first point of contact for our 70+ PPI panel members and will be welcoming new volunteers when they join.

If you have any queries for her or the team, please contact them at [cuh.ppi@nhs.net](mailto:cuh.ppi@nhs.net)



## Online Researcher PPI Training: Spring 2023 Dates Announced

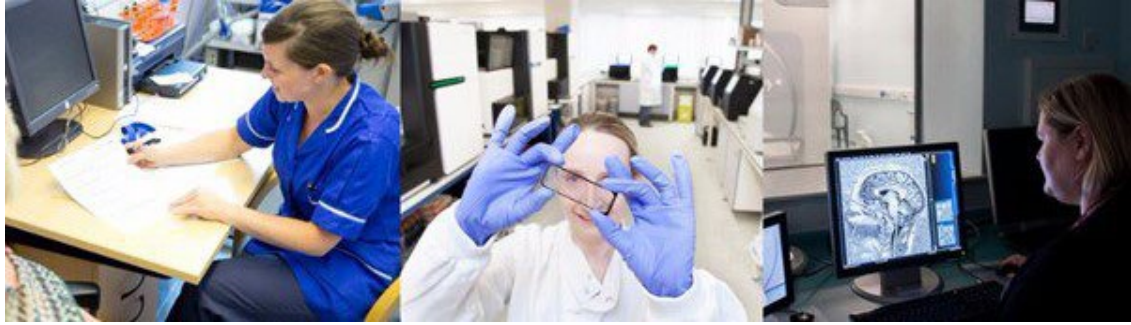
These online sessions are held on Zoom. They are open and free of charge for UK-based students and staff employed or funded by the NIHR, NHS, academic institutions and charities. They are designed to provide training for health researchers on a range of important PPI skills and activities. We also host public information sessions on PPI aimed at members of the public.

These sessions predominantly cover involving adults in research, as we have substantially less experience working with children and young people. Although the content in these topics can relate to all audiences, please be aware that we do not specifically cover PPI with children or young people.

You can register to attend all sessions by visiting the [Online PPI Events page on the NIHR Cambridge BRC website](#). Please note that a work associated email (e.g. .nhs.net, .ac.uk etc.) is required to confirm registration.

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## Researchers' feedback to CUH PPI panel members



We've had a very busy year with researchers wanting YOUR input - and what's been THEIR feedback?

Find out what they thought about your PPI contributions via this link: [click here](#) to access feedback from academic research projects. Feedback has been shared from projects conducted between **June 2022 to October 2022**.

**These files are password protected and only available to CUH PPI panel members.**

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## NIHR Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy 2022-2027

Equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) are seemingly flying around everywhere - but they shouldn't be treated as buzzwords or flavour of the month. Embedding EDI across the NIHR will help us:

- foster an inclusive environment
- engage the talents and energy of diverse people in all areas of our work
- improve the relevance and quality of our research

Click on the link to view the full document: [EDI](#)

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## Linking you to what's new, relevant and challenging in PPI

The PPI team often comes across articles on the topic of PPI that challenge our assumptions and encourage us to think more deeply about the PPI we do - although we don't always agree with their conclusions. Every newsletter, we'll include links to what interested us - we hope it interests you too, so let us know what you think!

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## If you agree you're in!

How far do researchers take on board lay contributors' input - even if this contests their view? This report from the NIHR Greater Manchester ARC [Click here to read the full article](#) gives a fascinating insight into PPI, the "representativeness" of public contributors and what happens when professionals resist the encroachment of 'lay people' into their territory.

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## Public perceptions of health and social care

Read this government briefing from the Health Foundation [Click here to read the full](#)

[article](#). Based on rigorous public polling, this briefing shows that health policy MUST be informed by an understanding of what the public thinks. Required reading for Secretary of State for Health and Social Care Steve Barclay!

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## NHS Digital Data Plan Accelerated Despite Concerns

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) is to press ahead with and accelerate its controversial plans to enable data-sharing processes across the NHS.

[Click here to read the full article.](#)

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## DARE UK

Paving the way for a coordinated national infrastructure for sensitive data research. A summary of findings to date from Phase 1 of the UK Research and Innovation DARE UK programme.

[Click here to read the full article.](#)

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## The experience of patient partners in research

Patient engagement in research consists in involving patients as partners across the research cycle. This practice has quickly become an international standard, with funding bodies actively encouraging it.

[Click here to read the full article.](#)

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**Requesting ideas and suggestions for next years research information talks for public contributors.**

**This year we had talks on the use of artificial intelligence in healthcare, what translational research is and what the different phases in a clinical trial mean.**

**Are there any particular topics that contributors would find useful to have talks on in 2023? Please email the team at [cuh.ppi@nhs.net](mailto:cuh.ppi@nhs.net) with your suggestions.**



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