

Introducing Research Related Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE): What is it and how can I get involved?

Are you aged between 8-18 years?

Would you like to find out more about PPIE and the role it plays in designing research at our Trust?

We are currently developing a PPIE group for our Trust and are keen to hear from young people and their families who would like to share their experiences or get involved in shaping future research.

If this sounds like something you may be interested in then find out more information below.

What is Involvement and Engagement?

There are a number of ways in which you can be a part of clinical research:

- Participation: **Taking part** in a study as a volunteer or a patient
- Engagement: **Attending research events** at school fairs, open days and other public events to learn more about research
- Involvement: **Working alongside** researchers and providing insight from lived experiences to help the research development and delivery process which includes designing studies and setting priorities for research

The Sheffield Children's Hospital PPIE group focuses on giving you a wide range of involvement and engagement opportunities so that you can have your say about the research that takes place at the Trust.

What will I have to do if I join the PPIE group and how might I benefit?

Being a member of the PPIE group will give you opportunities to:

- **Learn** more about research and work alongside researchers at events.
- Become a research champion and attend events to help **distribute information/promote** and share your thoughts and insight about research with members of our community.
- **Have your say** about research that is important to you.
- Share your **insight** and lived experiences to shape future research and **discuss** these with other members at group PPIE meetings.
- Give your **input** into how research is developed and conducted at the Trust.
- **Discuss potential areas** for research to ensure researchers are addressing questions that matter to our community (i.e. suggesting possible solutions to overcoming barriers to recruitment and ways of increasing inclusion of under- served groups in research).
- **Review and give feedback** on material related to research studies i.e. feedback on the content of questionnaires and information leaflets.
- Give feedback after PPIE meetings to let us know how we can do better and see your feedback materialised into changes in the way that we work.

As you will be part of the Trust's PPIE group, throughout the year you may be approached by research staff from different departments around the hospital with details of their specific studies which you may want to help with.

Depending on the specific activity you are involved in your expenses may be paid for and you may also be given vouchers as a thank you for your time.

Furthermore, taking part in research insight activities is valuable experience and a chance to gain first hand insight into the working life of research staff and clinicians working on various studies. Such experience may be a valuable addition to your CV.



1 If you are interested, please scan the QR code and fill in a consent form



2 Once that is filled in and received by our team you will join our PPIE Group



3 By consenting to join the PPIE group you give us consent to contact you with **involvement** and **engagement** activities in the future.



4 You will receive **e-mails** of **opportunities to get involved** with research at the Trust, as well as regular newsletters from our team on all things **research related**.



5 Once you find an **opportunity that suits you**, our team will send you further information on **attending the session**



6 When you have attended a PPIE event you may receive **vouchers** as a thank you for your time. You will also be able to add your experience of working with researchers to your CV!



Some extra information

Your information will always remain confidential on our secure networks and will be added to a list of contacts that will only be shared with the research team at Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust who you choose to work with.

We will keep your information for a period of 3 years and after this time you will be contacted asking if you would like to renew your membership to the PPIE group.

If you decide you no longer want to be a part of the register then simply e-mail us at any time and we will remove your details.

Contact details

If you have any questions about the PPIE group or if there is anything you would like to discuss further, then please contact our team by e-mail or telephone:

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