Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement Strategy, 2017-2022

Thank you to the public members of our Patients and Research Group, and especially the Strategy Advisory Group, for their support in developing this strategy.

Summary

The full version of this strategy can be accessed on our website:

https://oxfordhealthbrc.nihr.ac.uk/patient-and-public-involvement/ppi-strategy/
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The NIHR Oxford Health Biomedical Research Centre (BRC) and cognitive health Clinical Research Facility (CRF) is a partnership between Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust (OHFT) and the University of Oxford. We aim to bring the best science to mental health and dementia, and to translate neuroscience into benefits for patients.

This document sets out the strategy and framework for Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE) at the BRC and CRF for 2017–2022. Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) refers to research that is carried out ‘with’ or ‘by’ members of the public. Engagement is when information and knowledge about research is provided and disseminated to the public.

Research done with and by patients, carers and the public produces better results and treatments.

Our vision is for PPIE to be embedded within the research themes and influence the activity of the BRC and CRF. The PPIE strategy needs to be able to work with researchers at any stage of a research study, and needs to encourage researchers to design future studies with PPIE embedded at all stages, as a matter of course.

To achieve this, our PPIE strategy aims to develop processes that support researchers and the public to build learning and work together, with the ultimate aim of tailoring personalised treatment for people with mental disorders and dementia.

Our 6 strategic objectives are to:

1. Provide appropriate, central mechanisms to support BRC researchers to involve patients and the public
2. Provide opportunities for PPIE Learning and Development for researchers and the public across the BRC and CRF
3. Develop an outreach and engagement plan to promote and raise awareness of PPIE opportunities and research, at the BRC and CRF
4. Establish a CRF-specific PPI Advisory Group
5. Embed PPI within Research & Development procedures
6. Contribute to Evidence-Based PPI research in mental health

The PPIE strategy was developed and will be delivered in partnership with patients and staff. We will conduct and publish a regular review of progress. For more information, please contact Claire Murray, Patient and Public Involvement Manager, claire.murray@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk.