

## Summary report on Patient & Public Involvement Contributor Workshops

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**40 PPI Contributors benefited from a series of 6 workshops in 2017** delivered to help them in their PPI role. These lay people are volunteers supporting research conducted by National Institute of Health Research funded work in Oxford. (BRC and CLAHRC). **The aim** was to increase the confidence of PPI contributors in carrying out the activities that they may be asked to do as part of their role. Feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive with many requesting more workshops in future.

Topic	Speaker	Date
What is the impact of being involved?	<u>Jo Crocker</u> , <u>Polly Kerr</u> and <u>Lynne Maddocks</u>	26th September
Research terminology and the research cycle	<u>Noemi Roy</u> .	9th October
Ethics within the research process and relevance to PPI	<u>Mark Sheehan</u> .	23rd October
Clinical trials management	<u>Damian Haywood</u>	8th November
Understanding statistics in health and medical research	<u>Jackie Birks</u>	20th November
Evidence-based methodology and the PPI role within it	<u>Marcy MacBain</u>	6th December

**Timing** of the workshops was 11.30am until 2pm with a half-hour break for lunch, which gave time for attendees to talk to each other and with the speaker.

**Attendance at the workshops** was open to those volunteers registered with the host organisations and ranged from 6 – 20 with one person attending all 6. The 40 delegates between them made up 77 attendances at different workshops.

Moving between different **community venues** in and around Oxford the workshops used the expertise of 6 speakers who kindly gave their time freely. None of the venues were perfect and opinion varied between attendees as to whether or not it was helpful to hold the workshops in non-University locations.

The **speakers** worked within Oxford University and one also had a clinical role. Speakers were glad to run the sessions and enjoyed the interaction.

The **cost** of the workshops was minimal (£2,271) and there was considerable value in terms of supporting volunteers in what can be a rather isolated role.

“The series of workshops which have just put ended have been excellent. Very interesting and very useful. Many thanks for running them. ”

The overwhelming **feedback** from the workshops was that PPI Contributors felt better informed and able to make a contribution to the research from a stronger position in consequence. 98% of those who completed an evaluation were glad that they had attended.

There were requests for **future training**;

### **Information around where PPI fits**

- Any information of more formal courses that give PPI reps a solid grounding in whole research environment
- Researcher explain how they use all the information and feedback working together public/researcher
- Understanding of the complexities of the structuring and feed ins of the nebulous organisations
- Continuous improvement in the NHS (NHS Improvement Team).

### **Specific topics**

- Statistics
- Health economics
- Glossary, statistics formula
- Topics like quality in healthcare are very interesting if possible
- More explanatory talks about technical issues
- Course such as that organised by EUPATI

### **Improving own experience of PPI**

- Any training that would help me to work well with researchers and patient involvement groups.
- Assertiveness in meetings.
- Importance of "diversity"

## **Future Plans**

The aim is to run more workshops in Autumn/Winter 2018 jointly. These workshops will be co-produced with PPI Contributors who will help plan the content, the venues and the timings using the full evaluation from both series of workshops since 2016.