

# Involvement Cost Calculator

## Do you need to budget for public involvement?

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**Step 1 – use ‘Budgeting for Involvement’** to plan your budget. This guide provides practical advice on how to budget for involving patients, carers and the public in research. Included is a dummy study as a worked example to show how the process works (see section 3 of ‘Budgeting for Involvement’).

**Step 2 – use the Involvement cost calculator** to work the actual costs of involving people in your study.

Please note that this resource is **not intended to plan for the costs associated with people taking part as research participants**. See section 1.4 In ‘Budgeting for Involvement’ for more details.