

NIHR University College London Hospitals Biomedical Research Centre

Patient Public Involvement (PPI) Training Needs - survey questions

These eight questions were used in the training needs assessment carried out by Rosamund Yu at the NIHR University College London Hospitals Biomedical Research Centre. They are provided here as an example of questions it might be helpful to think about. These questions were formatted into a questionnaire suitable for self completion in hard copy and online formats.

1. Are you currently a Principal / Chief Investigator?

Yes / No

2. What is your professional role? (tick one only)

Medical Doctor/Consultant
Nurse
Scientist
Administrator/Study Manager
Statistician/Data Manager
Graduate student
Other

3. Have you actively involved patients/public in your research (not as research subjects but, for instance, by asking patients to help design parts of the study or consulting them on the information sheets)?

Yes / No

4. Do you intend to actively involve patients/public in the future?

Yes / No

5. Please rate how helpful you would find each of these training topics (please indicate for each option)

Very helpful / Slightly helpful / Not helpful

- 5a. How to fill in the PPI sections of funding applications
- 5b. Taster/Introduction to PPI
- 5c. Chairing meetings involving patients/public
- 5d. Setting up and running patient advisory group
- 5e. Verbal communication skills
- 5f. Practical guide to planning PPI in research
- 5g. Running a public event
- 5h. Facilitation skills
- 5i. Communicating biomedical research to lay people
- 5j. Effective partnership working with charities
- 5k. Leading and managing PPI activities

6. Which format for PPI training would be most useful to you? (tick one)

Quick two hour session on a specific topic / half day sessions covering a selection of topics / Introduction to PPI that touches briefly on the basics

7. Which of the following would encourage you attend a course? (tick one or more)

CPD accreditation / Cost free / training in skills or topic with wider application

8. What time would you prefer for training? (tick one)

Morning (9.30-12.30) / Lunch time (12.00-14.00) / Afternoon (14.00-17.00) / early evening (17.00-19.00)