



Mighty oaks from small acorns grow:

The development and maturation of public involvement in research in Hertfordshire.

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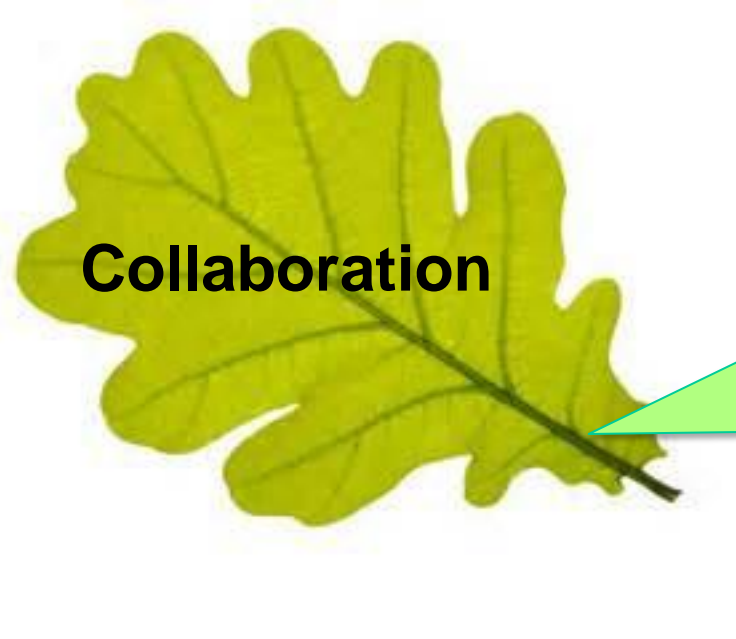


Some members of the CRIPACC Public Involvement in Research Group (PIR group)



Consultation

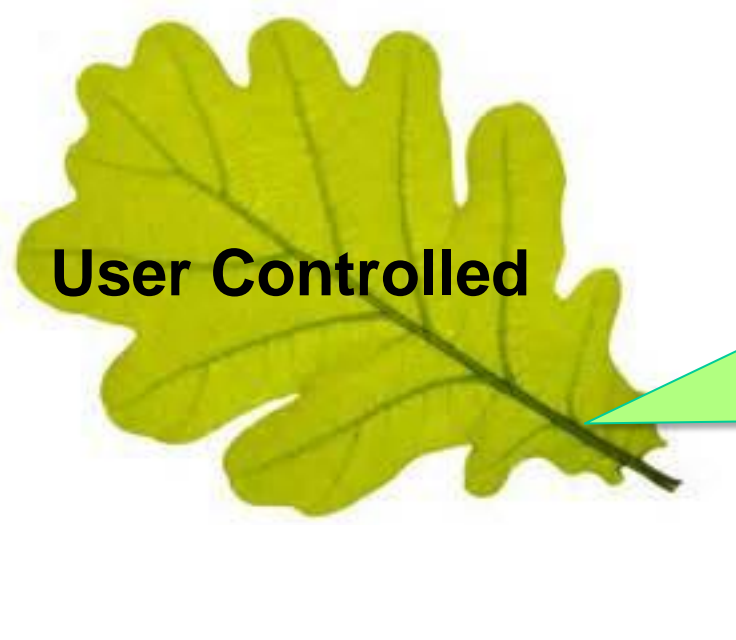
- Internal:**
 - Research projects
- External:**
 - UH Ethics Committee
 - CLAHRC Board
 - School of Health and Social Work
 - Responding to national consultations



Collaboration

- Funded Study in Renal Dialysis unit:**
 - Action research-ideas for change came from users of the renal dialysis service
 - Facilitating communication and dissemination of research

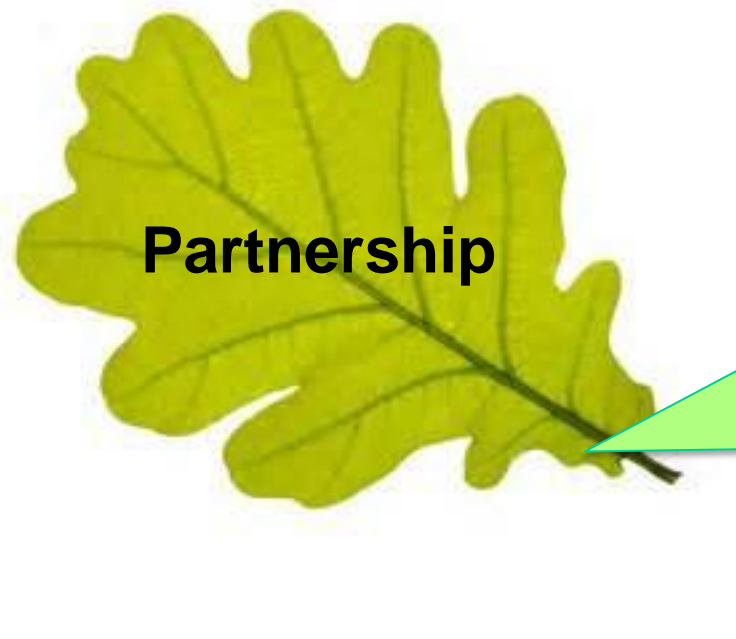
- Follow on study in 2 renal units:**
 - Involvement in data analysis
- Funded study exploring PPI involvement in research:**
 - Co-applicants for funding application
 - Involvement in data collection & analysis



User Controlled

- Training and Education:**
 - Identification of group's educational needs
- Development of PIR group website**
- Marketing leaflet**

- Teaching under-graduate/post-graduate students**
 - Masters in Clinical Research (MClinRes)
 - Professional Doctorate in Health Research
 - Under-graduate pharmacy students (expert patient)

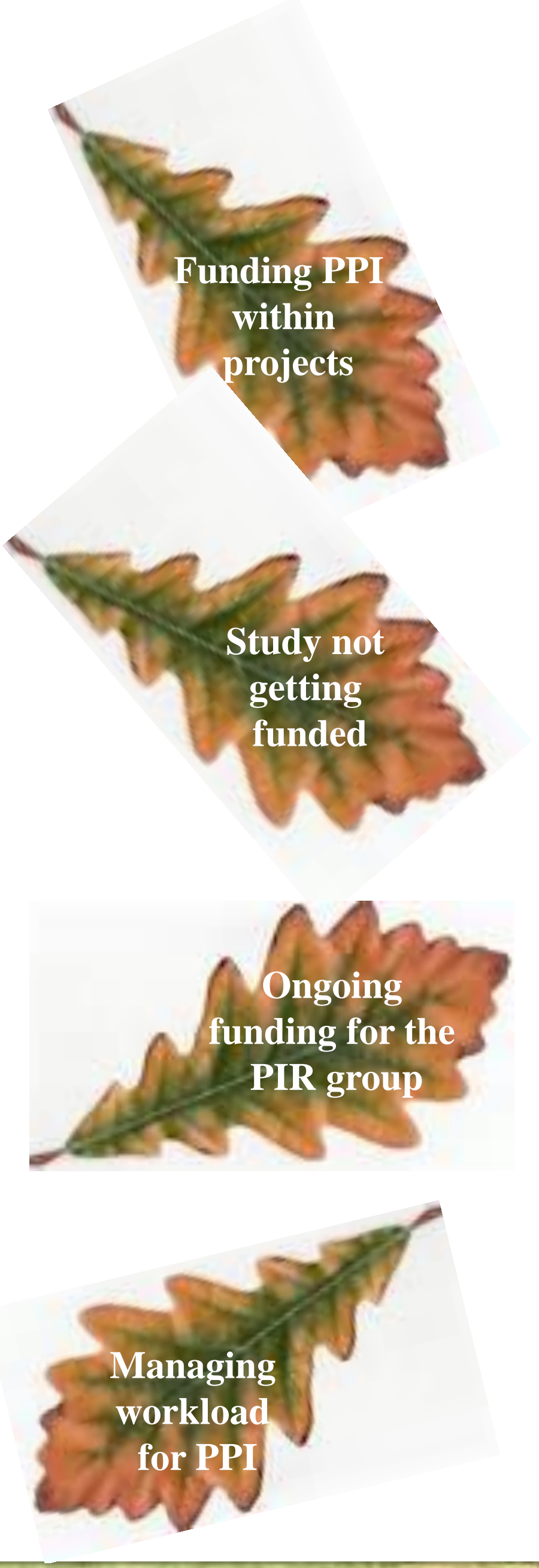


Partnership

- Co-applicants on research funding bids
- Influencing research objectives at early stage
- Members of steering committees suggesting different approaches
- Recruitment of future health professionals

- Engaging with and recruiting research participants
- Facilitating communication and disseminating research (editing info sheets/leaflets, websites)
- Co-authors on papers, reports, lay journals also podcasts and webinar.

Current Challenges



Funding PPI within projects

Study not getting funded

Ongoing funding for the PIR group

Managing workload for PPI

PPI input within the University is highly proactive, valued and experienced.

Promoting research findings is something we aspire to do more of in the future



2004 Working party 7 researchers

2005 Launch of PIR group Support from Involve

2006 Successful funding application: Training course over 8 months

2007 PIR led annual session on professional doctorate. PIR review and piloting of student research

2008 MClinRes module on PIR. Sessions led by PIR members

2009 Study in care homes involved PIR as co-researchers

2010 Study on public involvement - PIR members as co-applicants/co-researchers

2011 PIR group development of marketing leaflet

2012 INVOLVE/NIHR School for Social Care Research webinar on End of Life Care

2013 On-going training

2014 Vice-Chancellors Prize for Research Excellence with Older People's Research Group