

Developing and Supporting Ethical Practice in Research

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What is most important about ethical involvement?





To the presentations!

What will help most with ethical involvement?



What do you think will help most with ethical involvement and why?

Thinking as a system
with real attention to
sharing power

Understanding across
the board, rather than
pockets here and there

Universities need to support
post doctoral researchers - the
people on the ground
delivering the research.
Pitching this at a high level will
not bring about real change

Senior buy in

Clear messaging from
funders.

Funder requirements

Examples of how to
conduct PPIE in an
ethical way at all stages

Clear expectations and
evidence of its value so that
researchers see why this is
important to funders and why
they should be considering it

What do you think will help most with ethical involvement and why?

Shared guidance that we co-develop and adapt locally through dialogue between everyone involved

Flexible approach. A network to rely on for ethics advice. Ethical involvement embedded on research project cycle. This is the challenge with most ethical reviews, they don't allow for agile methods

Discussion with people/ collaboration/ working together and inclusion. You don't always know unless you ask

Initiate open, honest, & transparent dialogue with supporting guidance frameworks &/or toolboxes

Shared understanding between all parties

More understanding of, and support for, the additional time and resource needed to conduct involvement in an ethical way.

Authoritative guidance - the whole point being that guidance is not a template. Shared information so that local interpretation is consistent is also important. Guidance should be reviewed.

Having more standards and set protocols which colleagues carrying out research will adhere to through a mandatory process. Also, educating and teaching a wider audience that are involved in research.

What do you think will help most with ethical involvement and why?

Broad recognition of the need to build good practice guidance into the UK Standards for Public Involvement and collaboration to implement that building on the wide range of interested parties

More national guidance and requirements (top level leadership in this area) as well as national initiatives to support shared learning, training and development

Dialogue is critical. Situations which present ethical challenge will always have an involved lay member somewhere. They must be part of the resolution.

Recognition of the principles outlined by Felicity and Sophie by both NHS Research Ethics Committees and university Institutional Review Boards that review is not necessary (by them) to avoid waste

Having a set of and questions to reflect around in thinking about ensuring your approach to PPI is ethical

Back to presentations.



Who is most responsible for ethical involvement?



Who do you think is responsible for ethical involvement and why?

All of us

Everyone!

All of us

Individual researchers
because they're the ones
who are putting it into
practice.

Everyone involved

Researchers and
funders especially

Everyone. Needs to be a
collective responsibility

Universities -
researchers on the
ground need to be
supported.

Who do you think is responsible for ethical involvement and why?

Everyone but PPI contributors and researchers have the most responsibility

Everyone taking part in research where there is an ethical aspect.

Researchers are responsible and can discuss with PPIE contributors to ensure views are considered

I think that researchers are primarily responsible but external organisations should provide guidance documents, signposting and other forms of support to enable high quality ethical PPIE

Funders need to prompt researchers to think about this and provide guidance on what they expect (as a minimum). There may be resource/cost implications so this needs to be considered.

Each and every researcher as clearly described in the UK Policy Framework for Health and Social Care Research with the Principal Investigator having the ultimate responsibility.

Researchers are most responsible because in practice public involvement is initiated by them or at their request. Often they are also the ones leading / facilitating the involvement.

Everyone's responsibility - e.g. unis to support more inclusive payment practices, funders to require ethical plans for involvement at application stage, researchers in the actual delivery of PPIE etc

Who do you think is responsible for ethical involvement and why?

Researchers who are setting up studies and collaborators such as PPIE in the set up stages review by Universities and the Ethic committee

Please see UK Policy Framework for Health and Social Care Research

The researcher must be aware. The funder must check, not in a formalised tick box way. The sponsor institution must be ready to double check, or resolve. The lay member must be ready to question.

Everyone is responsible for ethical involvement. It should be written into all protocols and be required by research authorities. Helps ensure public contributors are fairly treated with clear roles.

There needs to be transparency around the ethical involvement for all of those involved in the research

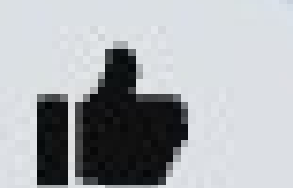
Following on, the public only need be involved in the process if they wish to be. I just think have an a requirement for PPIE etc and ethical involvement will sharper researchers' approaches.

ie ethical involvement could be invisible to the public contributors or participants in research. It need not put them off and researchers can see ethical involvement as a key part of their work.

Everyone endeavouring to undertake involvement should take responsibility for ensuring that the approach is ethical



To the Panel!



Write three different words about this event.





What do you think about this event?

More opportunity for discussion would be useful

Very thought provoking

I thought it was very good learning for me. It was interesting to hear from the different speakers.

Interesting and thought provoking. Important topic to consider

Good start. Some thinking to do about how the next one takes things forward.

Very helpful and a good mix of perspectives on the issues

Very informative identified the areas we are all concerned about

I enjoyed all the speakers, particularly from the public contributors. It was helpful to have the links to the papers / resources to read through after as it means the speakers could talk further



What do you think about this event?

It is a bit disjointed- good information presented but the zoom set up meant I felt like I was on my own- didn't get a sense of who I was sharing my afternoon with

Good to welcome cross sector input

I'm not a fan of the Zoom setup as it feels hard to engage - would have preferred more zoom f a chat-based discussion space

The Shared Commitment meeting on the standards included comments about needing another standard specific to ethics. This meeting could be seen as reinforcing that. This needs discussing.

Great presenters - but I think we need to think carefully about whether publishing more "stuff" is the best way forward. Though I understand Academics need to publish things!

I feel attendees could have been more compassionate/gentle as the aggression made me feel uncomfortable and took away from the content.

Thank you!

We will use the results during the event and share them with you after the event.

