

Research Engagement Newsletter

July 2024

Local News

International Clinical Trials Day recap

A big thank you to everyone who supported us at this year's International Clinical Trials Day events. Our flagship event was dedicated to research transparency and knowledge mobilisation, sharing examples of best practice and presentations from researchers within Barts Health, Queen Mary and local community partners. The programme featured talks from Barts ECMC, Barts Precision Medicine Programme (part of Barts Life Sciences), Prof David Collier, and reflections from working with the voluntary and community sector to reach under served and marginalised communities. Additional thanks go out to the teams who delivered their own events and activities throughout May! If you have any photos from #ICTD24, please share them with us via [WeTransfer](#).



Further information about the event, including the recording, can be found on the [JRM0 webpage](#).

North East London Integrated Care System Research Engagement Network (NEL ICS REN) training for public contributors

Later this year, the Research Engagement Team will deliver two half day PPIE/ research champion training workshops. Funded by NHS England, these sessions will be co-designed and co-delivered by a working group comprised of PPIE leads from BH, QM and CRN North Thames, REN partners, and experienced public contributors. The champions in attendance will be made up of people from our existing database, new registrations from the REN events held earlier this year, and attendees at our International Clinical Trials Day in May. We hope these sessions will help us to develop a community of research-ready public contributors who are able to apply their lived experiences and expertise to the wide range of public involvement opportunities we offer. The training is also open to existing public contributors who you feel may benefit from a formal introduction to PPIE or dedicated learning opportunity. Please let us know before **Friday 9th August** if there any public contributors you would like to join these sessions.

At each event, there will be a 'PPIE marketplace' of researchers who are looking to find people for their public involvement activities. If you are looking for public contributors to join your advisory group or take part in a focus group or workshop and would like to be a part of our training sessions, we would love to hear from you! Further details such as dates, venues are yet to be finalised but please get in touch if you would like to be a part of these workshops.

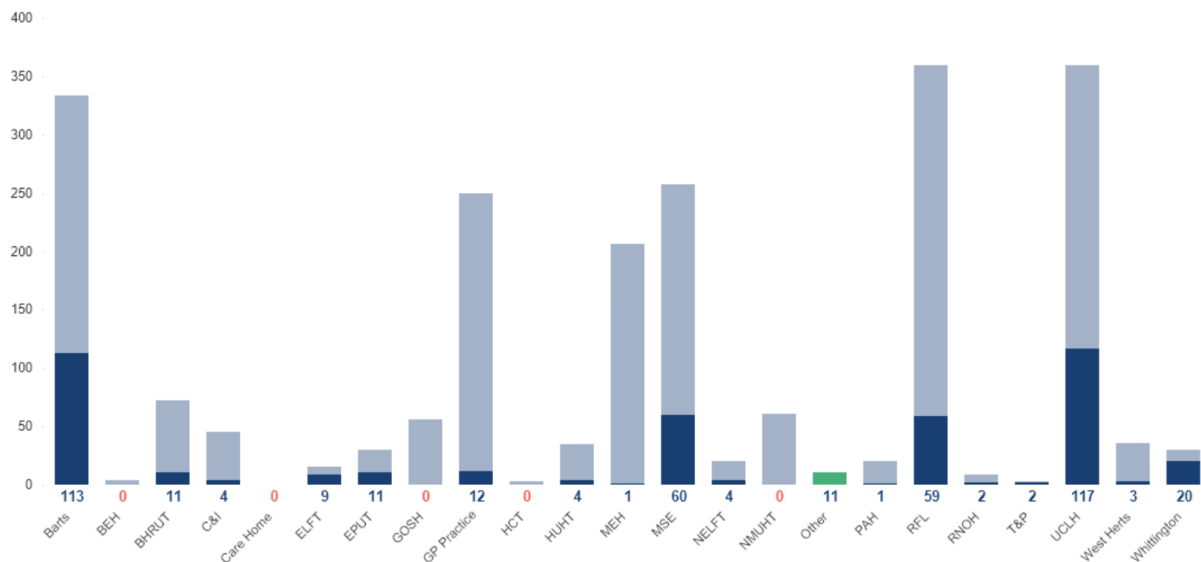


Patient Research Champions (PRCs)

We have recently met with several new prospective Patient Research Champions. Most of these individuals are already registered with the Volunteers Service and are ready to begin a new role supporting our research efforts. There are many ways a PRC can help you and your team, but they ultimately help maximise our patients' experience of taking part in our research. We have a small number of placements available with our research teams currently, but we are always looking for more. If you would like to discuss how a PRC can add value your research, please get in touch with Neeta and James via patientsinresearch.bartshealth@nhs.net.

Patient Research Experience Survey (PRES) 24-25

We have made a solid start to our 2024-25 PRES campaign, having recorded 113 responses so far against our target of 335. The graph below shows all the responses for all CRN North Thames organisations to date.



After a disappointing return last year, we are looking to bounce back and surpass this year's target of 335. There are a variety of resources available to you that can help you in administering the survey:

- The PRES [e-Learning module](#) on for staff members delivering the survey. This may be particularly useful for researchers who are new to delivering PRES.
- The [PRES Video \(With Music\)](#) produced by CRN Wessex is a 2-minute clip that summarises PRES and why we use it.
- CRN North Thames have produced a [QR code slip aid](#) for adult and children's PRES surveys. This allows research teams to input the required study identifiers (site name, study title, CPMS or IRAS) to generate a unique QR code for the study. Patients can scan the QR code and complete the survey without having to input the study identifiers themselves, ensuring the results are always mapped back to the appropriate team. Access will be required to use the tool, please contact the Conor Ryan at conor.ryan@nhr.ac.uk to obtain this.

If you are a researcher delivering an NIHR-supported portfolio study, we encourage you to offer PRES to your study participants. For further information or to discuss further, please visit our [PRES section of the JRMO webpage](#) or contact Neeta and James at patientsinresearch.bartshealth@nhs.net.



Wider news

Blocked websites

We previously communicated that there are several websites we use and signpost our colleagues to have been blocked from Barts accounts, including NIHR Learning for Involvement (www.learningforinvolvement.org.uk). Having alerted ICT to this problem, the problem is now resolved but we will also be keeping a close eye to ensure it does not reoccur. If you discover any additional websites are blocked, please log it with ICT and notify the Research Engagement team.

INVOLVE website closing

NIHR have recently announced the closing down of the INVOLVE site, effective as of 23rd July 2024. INVOLVE ceased to exist in 2020; since then, the site has not been used much and the lack of updates since then cause a security risk. If you still use INVOLVE for any resources, please ensure you check and update them ahead of the site closure on 23rd July. Please see this [crib sheet with links to NIHR PPI resources](#) and also a suggestion for where general links to INVOLVE could be redirected, depending on the context.

New HRA guidance on payment for public involvement

The HRA recently released new pay guidance for members of the public involved in research [pay guidance for members of the public involved in research](#). It aims to specifically help members of the public understand and know their rights and responsibilities on receiving payment for their involvement in research.

Training Opportunities

Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) training for researchers

The NIHR Cambridge BRC have several different Patient and Public Involvement online training dates for researchers in 2024 (see below), please visit bit.ly/Trg4PPI to book your place.

PPI Toolkits: Ways to involve the public in research –19 Aug, 12.30 - 2.30 pm

How to Build and Maintain PPI Groups - 10 Sept, 1.00 pm - 3 pm

Running successful PPI Focus Groups- 2 Oct, 10 am – 12.00 pm

Planning inclusive PPI – 30 Oct, 10 am - 12.30pm

Evaluating PPI –19 Nov, 1.00 pm - 3 pm

Using PPI to help communicating your research- 3 Dec, 12.00 - 1.30 pm

Training is free for NIHR, NHS, academic or charity-funded researchers, students or staff based in the UK, however you must use a work-related email to register.

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