

Research Engagement Newsletter

April 2023

Dear PPIE practitioners,

This iteration of the newsletter will be a bit different to what we typically produce. The last few weeks have been exceptionally busy, and this has led us to being us slightly less alert to wider PPIE news. However, we do still have an April edition for you to peruse. As always, please contact us if you have any questions or PPIE news to share.

Patient Research Experience Survey (PRES) 2022/23 Concludes

As of 31st March, the 2022/23 PRES campaign ended. We are proud to confirm that we not only met our target of 455 responses but exceeded it by recording a total of 513 completed surveys! This means we have once again topped the charts in the North Thames Clinical Research Network. A massive thank you to all our teams who delivered the survey this year, we are so pleased with the level of uptake we had, particularly since November. A special shoutout to the Anaesthesia team, who topped the charts with 198 responses. An honourable mention also goes to the Children, Cancer and Gastroenterology team. We will shortly share results with PRES teams for local review and improvement planning and our Trust-wide analysis will be circulated in due course.

There are some minor changes coming into force for PRES 2023/24:

- There are some slight tweaks on this year's survey, which have already been made to the standard online surveys from last year. As such, please continue to use the same links as before, which are available on the PRES section of the [CRN North Thames webpage](#). I have also attached a resources sheet which includes a link to our full localised guidance for administering PRES on our JRMO webpage and the new links.
- From April onwards, you will no longer be able to offer participants the self-printed copies of PRES (i.e., the PDF versions we've previously circulated). The survey can only be offered online or by using the centralised stick and seal survey for both adults and children. If you would like to receive some stick and seal surveys, please complete the attached form, and return it to ppie.crnnorththames@nihr.ac.uk.
- The QR code/URL slips have also been updated. These may also be ordered with the above instructions.
- There is an easy-read survey and a survey for those people who are visually impaired, as attached. Both versions can be printed.
- From April onwards PRES eligibility will expand to include all NIHR-supported portfolio studies with the only exclusions being non-consenting studies and those deemed ineligible by CI/PI/CRNCC.

Gathering feedback from our research participants is crucial to improving our delivery. Our ambition is for all eligible NIHR study participants to be offered the opportunity to give us feedback on their research experience. We want all our researchers who are leading or hosting an NIHR Portfolio study offer PRES to their study participants, but we cannot do this without your help. If you are a researcher working on an eligible study, please contact us at patientsinresearch.bartshealth@nhs.net.



International Clinical Trials Day 2023

On **25th May**, we will be marking International Clinical Trials Day 2023 with our flagship event at the Clark-Kennedy lecture theatre.

At last year's event, we demonstrated how equality, diversity, and inclusion is an integral part of our healthcare research practice, featuring presentations from research teams from BH and QM. This year's event will be a retrospective glance on some of the great work we have conducted over the past year, since ICTD22, furthering our ambition to be the most inclusive healthcare research Trust. Featuring examples of best practice in community and public engagement, we will also connect with attendees on via meaningful discussion and interactive tasks/activities. This will include talks from representatives from North Thames Applied Research Collaboration (ARC), and the Research Ready Community Champions programme, to name a few.

We are still looking for colleagues to deliver researcher-led activities over the two weeks covering ICTD. These activities were a key part of our pre-pandemic ICTD celebrations, and we are hoping to get back to the levels of engagement we were able to provide then. Although some researchers have been in touch regarding this, we have had relatively little uptake. Researcher-led activities may involve setting up a stall in common areas or clinics and sharing info about current/recent studies, displaying lay summary posters on our poster boards, or roaming the wards with a trolley and research-focused activities/information. ICTD offers a great opportunity to engage with patients, the public and staff on the topic of research and we want to make the most of this. We are also looking to share news about the inclusive work our researchers have been doing. This may include featuring an inclusive event you have delivered on our webpages, or a profile for staff/teams who are doing great work in this area. We are working with comms to ensure all our activities will be supported and publicised, spreading awareness on our inclusive research and all that is happening across the Trust in relation to ICTD. The event is fast approaching so please contact us as soon as possible if you are interested in any of the above.

If you are not taking part in ICTD, we would still love to have you join us at our flagship event. There will be a drinks reception and some light refreshments in the Clark-Kennedy lecture theatre, or you can join online via Microsoft Teams. We really hope you can join us for what promises to be another great event. Registration will be available on our Eventbrite page soon, so keep your eyes peeled!

Barts Health and Queen Mary Science Festival

The [Science Festival](#), hosted by BH and QM, is an annual family friendly science festival for older secondary school children interested in science and medicine. The day will feature a forensics talk, mini talks on clinical careers, and much more. This year's festival is taking place on **Tuesday 20th June 2023**. Tickets are free and available now!

Festival of Communities

An annual event, the Festival of Communities is a collaboration between Queen Mary and community organisations, and over 8,000 residents join us over the weekend. In a nutshell, it allows QM Mary staff and students to engage local communities surrounding QM campuses with research, teaching and other Queen Mary opportunities and projects. This year's event will be taking place on **Saturday 10** at Stepney Green Park and **Sunday 11 June 2023** at QM Mile End campus. More information can be found on their [website](#).



NIHR and other news

[Be Part of Research now available in app form](#) via the NHS App. Run by the NIHR, this allows members of the public to find out more about research, its importance, and how they can take part. It also has a search feature where you can find studies in specific health conditions and your local area. Until now, the service was only available via the website.


The Health Research Authority (HRA) have published their new [guidance for organisations on payment for public involvement in health and care research](#). Built upon an earlier version released in June 2022, the new guidance aims to give organisations the confidence and a clear framework to develop simple and timely payment policies

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