

Public Contributor

A Public Contributor is a member of the public who has signed up to be part of our research family. We let them know when opportunities to get involved become available via email and through the newsletter. Public Contributors are able to pick and choose the involvement opportunities as they are offered depending on their interest and other commitments. There is no minimum or maximum commitment. Public contributors are supported by the Public & Community, Involvement & Engagement (PCIE) team and opportunities to receive training will be made available.

Signing up is a simple process which allows us to get to know you a little better. We will have a chat and answer any questions you may have. We will let you know how we will pay you for your involvement, and find out how you'd like us to communicate with you such as email, text or phone.

Opportunities could include:

- Being part of a focus group to help identify research priorities (joining a meeting where ideas and local needs are discussed)
- Commenting on possible research proposals (finding out about what researchers locally believe needs investigating and how they intend to do that and providing feedback on this)
- Offering feedback as part of a project's steering group (being part of a group who help direct research projects as they progress)
- Helping to develop research documents such as information sheets for patients, ensuring they are written in a way that can be understood by all
- Carrying out interviews with research participants (helping the researchers to carry out the research)
- Helping to share research findings
- Helping to make sure research findings can improve services, policies and practice
- Designing and delivering teaching or training for researchers or other Public Contributors

