

# THE MEDICAL EDUCATION RESEARCH INVOLVEMENT GROUP

Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) means working with patients, carers and members of the public to plan, manage, design and carry out research. The aim is to make research more relevant, and to improve healthcare. Some people get involved with lots of meetings, and others just a few. If you do join us, there is no expectation of you doing more work with us that you are happy to do.

The group meet whenever there is a research project to discuss - this is usually once every other month, but may be more or less often depending on how many projects are in development. At the meeting, a researcher will talk about a study, and ask what you think about it. They may also ask, for example, whether you think the research is important, and about the language used in materials for research participants.

**Payments:** After our initial meeting, we will pay you for the time you spend working with us. You will need to complete a payment claim form every time you attend a meeting. The current payment rate is £15.66 per hour. Meetings happen online via Zoom so there is no need for you to travel.

**Benefit advice:** We cannot provide you with information about whether any payment for your time will affect benefit entitlement. We recommend you get independent advice about this through your local Citizen's Advice.

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