PPI Ignite Network Values and Principles

The PPI Ignite Network believes that, in order to improve public and patient involvement (PPI) in health-related research, there must be a shared understanding of the values and principles that underpin the work. We invite all researchers, PPI contributors, institutions and funders to consider how to uphold these values and principles when engaging in or supporting PPI activity.

Transparency

The need for **clear, open, mutual communication** between the research team and PPI partners about research decisions and progress.

We want transparency in developing a **clear, shared understanding of aims, roles, processes and other terms of involvement.**

Respect

The **recognition of the roles, knowledge, insights, experiences, strengths, limitations and contributions** across the research team and PPI partners and throughout the research lifecycle.

We want **to benefit from the diversity of the team and partners**, and work together effectively and enjoyably.

Empowerment & Power Sharing

The inclusion as early as possible **in funding decisions, strategy and decision-making, the co-design and co-production of research.**

We want **a wide range of involvement strategies** to ensure that this happens.

Trust

The **building of reciprocal trust; this takes time to develop, is relationship based** and needs to be consistently worked on.

We want **everybody's opinion to be fully heard** and we want **confidentiality to be negotiated and respected.**

Collaboration & Partnership

The **inclusion of PPI partners** throughout the research lifecycle with commitments and expectations agreed from the outset, as much as possible.

We want true partnership where **all contributions are valued and respected equally.**

Flexibility

The **recognition of the time and other commitments involved in PPI** and that this **is acted upon in the research plan.**

We want **to co-design appropriate changes and responses** to the experiences and to the views of PPI partners.

Equity & Inclusion

The active identification and **removal of barriers and creation of entry points** throughout the research lifecycle.

We want real co-design and partnership to take place that **values equally people's diversity of opinions, experiences, abilities, backgrounds and expertise.**

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The development of the Values & Principles

These values were developed through a series of online collective intelligence workshops that took place during 2021/2022. Led by Prof Mary McCarron, Prof Philip McCallion, Sarah Bowman and Michael Foley from the Trinity PPI Ignite Office on behalf of the PPI Ignite Network, the workshop participants were nominated by PPI Ignite Network members.

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