

PPI Opportunities Noticeboard

Introduction: For members of the public

Welcome to the PPI Opportunities Noticeboard from the PPI Ignite Network, a platform where researchers can connect with members of the public and patients to let them know about opportunities to get involved as PPI contributors in research.

Are you a member of the public with an interest in research, who would like to draw on your life experience to influence research in health and social care? Are you familiar with PPI (public and patient involvement) in research? To find out more about PPI, [read some case studies here](#)

In mid-April 2023, we launched our **PPI Opportunities Noticeboard**, where you can find out about researchers who are seeking members of the public, including patients and carers, to get involved with them as they plan and do research on a specific topic. The aim of the Noticeboard is:

- **To help the public to find out about PPI opportunities**
- **To help researchers to let the public know about PPI opportunities**

The researchers share information about their PPI Opportunity, explaining the nature of the lived experience that they are looking for. For example, depending on the research area, researchers might be looking for people who live with diabetes, or parents of young children, or people who have experience of being homeless, or members of the general public. You can read about the different opportunities. If you are interested in finding out more about an opportunity, use a form on the Noticeboard to let the researcher know that you are interested and why you are interested.

Your message is sent straight to the research team. A researcher will respond to you within 5 working days, in email, by phone or perhaps organise a video call or a meeting with you. When you find out more about the opportunity, you can decide whether you put your name forward or not.

The research team will work to bring together the best mix of people for their research area. If there are too many people interested in a particular topic, it may not be possible for the researchers to work with everyone interested, so they may add some people to a waiting list.

The PPI Ignite Network set up and run the PPI Opportunities Noticeboard but the Network is not involved with the researchers who post opportunities. We do not know who contacts the researchers, your message goes direct to the researcher named in the opportunity. Therefore, if you decide to get involved with a researcher, the Network is not responsible for the PPI experience you have