

PPI Impact Framework

PPI Ignite Network

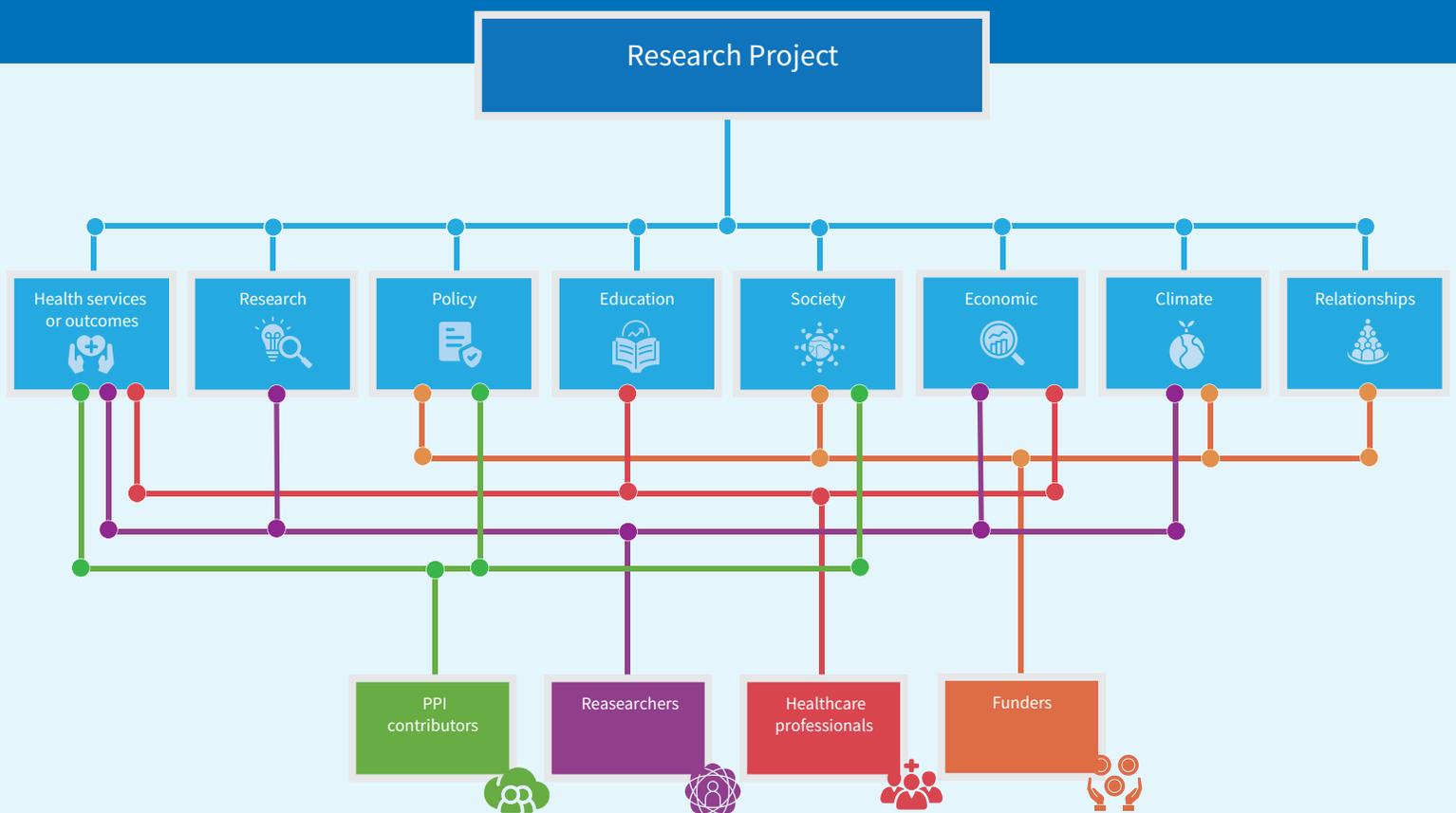


What this framework is

This is a framework that PPI contributors, researchers and other stakeholders can use to plan for and capture the impact of a research project that includes PPI contributors and contributions.

Why this framework is needed

- Impact priorities are different for different groups.
- There exists a plethora of potential areas for impact.
- This framework takes a multi-stage approach to determining and capturing impact.



Health services or outcomes:



- Improving services, treatments and interventions
- Improved integration of services
- Improved models of care
- Improved pathways to care / Accessibility to care
- Equity in access
- Reproductive justice

Research:



- Increase in awareness, communication and knowledge sharing
- A culture shift for researchers and clinicians
- Strategic research aligned with public strategies
- For lived experience to be the central voice in research

Policy:



- Align research with public strategies
- Changing policy to facilitate improved access and outcomes
- Ensure research has a policy impact
- Challenging policy
- Communication with policy makers (using robust evidence)

Education:



- Training and support for patients and the public to get involved in research
- High quality education and training for researchers and health professionals
- Increase public awareness of PPI work
- Changes in attitudes
- Acknowledging the value of PPI by researchers
- Promoting inclusivity

Society:



- Community involvement in research
- Greater equality and inclusion, particularly for marginalised groups
- Social and economic justice

Economic:



- Cost effective treatments
- Reduction in financial barriers to accessing healthcare
- Funding for community care

Climate / Sustainability:



- Strengthening linkages between human and planetary health
- Addressing impact of climate change on population health and health systems
- Creating more environmentally sustainable health systems
- Strengthening access to health foods and creating sustainable food systems

Relationships:



- For lived experience to be the central voice in research
- Equal voice central to the table; collaboration
- Improving communication, awareness and knowledge sharing
- Inclusion, respect, equity
- Power sharing

The PPI Ignite Office at Trinity College Dublin has been led efforts to develop and co-design this PPI Impact Framework, as part of its work within the national PPI Ignite Network. To this end, an initial co-design workshop was held with 60 participants at the PPI Summer School at the University of Limerick in June 2025. Participants, including members of the PPI community across Ireland, researchers and healthcare professionals, discussed and shared their views in relation to impact and a potential framework.

The PPI Ignite office at Trinity then held a second co-design workshop with stakeholders in October 2025, in which a prototype of the PPI Impact framework was piloted. Specifically, a workshop with approximately 60 participants was held as part of the launch of the PPI Ignite Festival 2025. Participants again included

PPI contributors and members of the PPI community across the island of Ireland, academics, healthcare professionals and members of the NGO sector. Participants organised into small groups, with each group given a hypothetical research project. Each group then piloted the proposed PPI Impact Framework in relation to their research project.

This framework is primarily intended for PPI contributors and academics (or healthcare professionals/academics) who are collaborating on research projects. It is also intended for anyone working in the areas of PPI and/or research impact to be used as part of the current discourses on impact, including the importance of lived experience in research and the ways in which co-designed research can positively impact individuals and communities.