



Chest
Heart &
Stroke

Northern Ireland Chest Heart & Stroke

Personal and public involvement (PPI)

Good patient and public involvement (PPI) means involving people affected by a health condition and/or their carers in the various stages of a research proposal. This may include planning, designing, implementing, managing, evaluating and/or disseminating their research. They are not just participants - they are active partners and are considered part of the research team.

We believe that involving people affected by / living with chest, heart, and stroke conditions produces better quality, more relevant research. That is why we are asking applicants to show that they have considered PPI in the planning, design, implementation, management and dissemination of their grant application.

Pre-application reading

- NICHS grant workshop Powerpoint slides and associated notes - these outline the decision making process;
- Workshop videos - particularly Prof Mike Clarke's workshop on research question formulation; and
- Our research strategy
https://nichs.org.uk/assets/resources/NICHHS_StrategyPlan_2023-2026_Public_Web2.0.pdf
- <https://nichs.org.uk/research-policy/research/research-application-process/how-to-apply-to-the-srg-programme>

How can NICHS help?

- We can't help you recruit for studies or help with wider PPI. But, if you're looking for participants, service user input for, or involvement in your research project from those people who use our services, you can make a request to ask people who use our services.
- Requests should be made as early as possible in your application process (preferably before you apply) to be considered.
- Contact scathcart@nichs.org.uk for initial queries.

Some resources

- <https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/publications/northern-ireland-implementation-plan-clinical-research-recovery-resilience-and-growth>
- research.hscni.net/hsc-statistical-and-methodological-support
- research.hscni.net/personal-and-public-involvement-ppi-research