

Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) in Research – Case Study

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How patients and the public were involved

I have presented at the Prostate Cancer Support Group and FROG (Renal Cancer support group), discussing research opportunities and asking for feedback on Patient Information sheets (PIS) and Consent documents.

Two Nurses from the SRT have completed the Cancer Research UK (CRUK) public engagement course and have presented to local schools, Abingdon town centre and Oxford Natural History Museum.

Currently we have developed a questionnaire and are inviting patients to complete this and send it in anonymously, detailing the quality and delivery of our patient information; we will assess the results of the questionnaire when the responses are reviewed.

I have written an SRT leaflet detailing the research we are involved in, and the team contact details, this has been distributed to the Wards and Oncology/Urology outpatients departments at the Churchill Hospital.

The impact of involving patients and public in the study

The feedback and interest generated in our research has assisted with raising awareness and improved our recruitment rates.

I believe our service and specifically the provision of good quality, accessible information, has been improved by responding to patient/public suggestions.

The importance of involving patients and the public in research

I believe to provide good quality research we must interact with and include the patients and public in every aspect of our practice. By reaching out to the public and patients to inform our practice we will be able to provide what patients require to be fully informed and involved in research.

The biggest challenges in PPI and what might help to overcome them

Space is a challenge, finding areas to effectively reach out to the public and patients, particularly in the hospital setting.

Providing complex information on Clinical Trials that provides quality information, which is also accessible and understandable, can also be problematic.