

Public Co-applicants on Research Studies

Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE) is an essential part of the research process. One component of PPIE is being a public co-applicant research grant applications. **Public co-applicants** can be **valuable members of the research team**, having an input into the development of the grant application and **ensuring** that the **study** remains **centred on patients' needs**.

It is expected that researchers will discuss with the co-applicant what the role will involve. This will vary depending on the **specific requirements** for patient and public involvement of the research study, and the **skills, interests and desires** of the public co-applicant. The following are **suggested roles** – during the development of the grant application and if the study is funded, during the course of the research study

Role of a public co-applicant during the development of a grant application

- To be a member of the research team and attend team meetings as required
- To provide the patient perspective on the planned research
- To contribute to, or review key sections of the grant applications, such as:
 - The PPIE sections (description of PPIE to develop the application and during the study)
 - The plain English summary
 - The Impact/benefit of the research to patients
 - The Dissemination and Engagement strategy
 - The key aspects of the research plan and patient pathway which would benefit from the patient perspective.
- To approve the final version of the grant application.

During this time period the research team should offer you support to use the online grant approval process, let you know how your contribution has made a difference to the grant application and keep you informed of the application outcome and progress of the study.

Role of a public co-applicant during the research study

- To attend meetings of the Study Management Group, as required
- To ensure the study remains centred on patients' needs
- To contribute to/review the study protocol and/or ethical approval application, as required
- To attend the study's PPIE Advisory Group and represent their views at Study Management Group meetings
- To contribute to/review participant facing study documents, as required
- To contribute to/review the dissemination strategy and publications, as required, including co-authorship of journal articles or conference presentation.

Further Information: [NIHR INVOLVE Public Co-Applicants Guidance on Roles and Responsibilities: bit.ly/2Bex5lg](https://www.nihr.ac.uk/resources/implementation/publications/nihr-involve-public-co-applicants-guidance-on-roles-and-responsibilities)

If you have any questions about this role, please let the PPIE team know and they will do their best to support you in your role