



Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement

What is the NIHR Imperial Clinical Research Facility (ICRF)?

The ICRF is based at Hammersmith Hospital, and is essential in looking at new ways of treating or preventing a wide range of conditions, such as cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes and malaria.

It provides specialist facilities for studies from a range of medical disciplines as well as a safe environment for patients and healthy volunteers requiring day visits or overnight stays.

The ICRF is staffed with experienced medical, operational and regulatory staff, who are able to provide support within the laboratory, project management and monitoring of the trials.

How can you play a part?

We have many individuals who take part in our clinical trials, but now you can actively be involved in research projects.

We have a dedicated Patient and Public Involvement Panel, who work alongside us to improve the way we carry out research.

Our contact details are on the reverse.



What is Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) ?

PPI is where any members of the public, carers and patients can be actively involved in research projects. There are many activities you can be involved in, such as:

- Reviewing grant proposals and study resources.
- Participating in ethics and study steering committees
- Helping to design the study
- Helping us establish involvement and engagement goals



Why get involved in research?

- Ensure research is conducted to the best possible standard
- Ensure research is relevant to the public
- Ensure the documents the public receive before, during or after beginning a trial are easy to understand
- Improve services at the ICRF



What is Patient and Public Engagement (PPE) ?

PPE is the dissemination of the results of our research to the public. This can be done in a variety of ways, such as:

- Community outreach (schools, festivals, enrichment classes, open days, public lectures)
- Production of learning materials (videos, applications, resources), to teach the public about research
- Careers events
- Social media campaigns

What's the next step?

To find out more or to join our Patient and Public Involvement panel please contact, **Aime Palomeras** (Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement Manager).

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