



	Plan a programme of engagement, involvement and participation opportunities for the national “I am Research Campaign”.		May 2018	
	Create a series of infographics that clearly illustrate the definitions of involvement, engagement and participation and upload on to the BRC website.	Engagement	October 2017	In progress
<b>Illustrate the impact of research and explain how it is making a difference for patients</b>	Produce a series of videos involving patients, which highlight the complexities and challenges of living with multiple conditions in later life and the importance of BRC research in addressing these. The content will then be uploaded on to the NIHR BRC website.	Involvement	May 2018	
	Work with a resident artist and patients/public to organise an art exhibition that will complement the videos, which illustrates the complexities of multiple conditions in later life. It will be a mechanism to engage with new audiences on the BRC research taking place.	Involvement	July 2018	
	Ensure that the final report of the “Living with Multiple Conditions in later life” NIHR James Lind Alliance Priority Setting Partnership is accessible for public and patients through the BRC website.	Engagement	April 2018	
	Collect case studies that illustrate the impact of BRC research and disseminate through the VOICE digital platform.	Engagement		In progress
	Evaluate the impact of PPI on BRC research by working with the Senior Research Associate who is leading a project on Evaluation of PPI.			
	Host a series of national workshops on evaluation	Engagement & Involvement		

<p><b>Ensure our research is informed by patient and public priorities</b></p>	<p>Organise a series of focus groups with patients and public who attend the CRESTA clinics to capture their views and perspectives on the BRC research themes and ageing syndromes.</p>	<p>Involvement</p>		
<p><b>Provide opportunities for patients and public to influence the strategy and projects of the BRC.</b></p>	<p>Expand our patient-led '<b>Peer to Peer support forum</b>' to enable patients to share their experiences of involvement in research.</p> <p>Provide training and support to patients and public to enable them to contribute.</p> <p>Provide opportunities for patients and the public to influence BRC projects through the Voice North Research Support Group.</p> <p>Provide a comprehensive training and support programme for BRC researchers to help them embed PPI/E in their research through the following mechanisms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Monthly PPI/E &amp; Impact advice and guidance drop in sessions</b></li> <li>• <b>Training Matters: PPI/E</b> – a programme of training on topics such as “Introduction to PPI” and “Science Communication”</li> <li>• <b>Engagement Forum</b> – bi monthly meetings open to all BRC researchers to share case studies and best practice on all aspects of PPIE.</li> </ul>	<p>Involvement</p> <p>Involvement</p> <p>Involvement</p>	<p>October 2017</p>	<p>In progress</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

	Provide opportunities for BRC researchers to contribute to national public engagement events, such as Pint of Science 2018 and Soapbox Science 2018.	Engagement		
	Create a series of toolkits to ensure BRC researchers are equipped with the latest knowledge on PPI from NIHR INVOLVE.	Engagement		Ongoing
<b>Collaborate with key partners</b>	<p>Represent the BRC through attendance at National Meetings and Conferences.</p> <p>Represent the BRC through the PPI/E regional forum: Creating Connections: Better Together.</p> <p>Provide opportunities for public and patients to participate in research by linking to other NIHR digital platforms e.g. UK Clinical Trials Gateway</p> <p>Through VOICE, and working with the NIHR Innovation Observatory, collaborate with other BRCs and NIHR infrastructure, including the Northern Health Science Alliance, to significantly widen the reach of local PPI/E activity and support coordination of opportunities to maximise involvement, engagement and participation in research via the VOICE platform.</p>	<p>September 2017 INVOLVE – November 2017 ENGAGE –December 2017</p> <p>Participation</p>		
<b>Expand our reach of PPI/E through the VOICE digital platform</b>	Recruit new members through our voice platform by working with local patient and community groups in the region. Ensure that there is a focus on increasing diversity.	Engagement and Involvement		Ongoing

**Useful links**

[INVOLVE](#) – Supporting public and patient involvement in NHS research

[VOICE](#) – VOICE Digital platform

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