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The work will be finalised at two national consensus events (one in the north, one in the south) where our provisional research findings and theoretical framework will be presented and discussed. These events will help to find and refine our understanding of what works, for whom, and under what circumstances.

Research grant funders require patient and public involvement (PPI) to feature in research projects. There is evidence that PPI can have a favourable impact on many stages of the research process, including recruitment of subjects and the development of the research question. As a result, NHS ethics approval, recruitment, and refinement of subjects and the scope of research in progress.

Co-production was a step one step whereby researchers, practitioners and the public came together, sharing power and responsibility from the start to the end of the project.

Research activities for the development of the PPI co-funders required this, and they were included in the development of interview topic guides and a framework for analysis of the data. Characteristic.

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- Data collection forms
- Data collection process
- Data coding methods
- Study data collection

The researchers and PPI co-applicants worked together to decide:

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- Data analysis and interpretation
- Analysis of interview data
- Analysis of case studies

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