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Patient and Public (PPI) Involvement in Hospice research: an example of co-production in action


**WHAT IS PUBLIC & PATIENT INVOLVEMENT?**

Research grant funders require patient and public involvement (PPI) to feature in research projects. There is evidence that PPI can have a significant impact on both the quality and impact of research. Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) is related to the reduction of research burden and risk and the inclusion and validation of the findings. PPI is likely to improve the sustainability of recruitment and retention of subjects and the uptake of research in practice.

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Co-production takes PPI one step further whereby researchers, practitioners and the public work together, sharing power and responsibility from the start to the end of the project.

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**Finding 1: PPI has had a positive impact on the research process:**

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**PPI supported the preparation of an application for a research grant to the National Institute for Health Research.**

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**Finding 2:**

- PPI activities for the development of public and patient involvement (PPI) strategies for research had no adverse impact on PPI volunteers, patients, family members, and their experiences of the process.

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