

## Summary of a Patient and Public Involvement leads North West meeting

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### Introduction

The purpose of the event was to provide opportunity to network with others who held a lead or significant PPI role with the [NIHR](#) across the North West area plus key PPI partner organisations. Nine organisations were represented. The focus of discussions was on sharing information on the changing national PPI landscape, shared issues and ways in which we could work more collaboratively.

### Discussion topics

#### Event purpose

- To help us fulfil the [RDS NW](#) need to contribute to a community of PPI leads in the North West.
- To provide an opportunity to understand the changing landscape of PPI nationally.
- To foster building on what work has been/is being done in the North West around PPI e.g:
  - What we might share.
  - Overlaps/duplication of effort.
  - Gaps.
  - Explore how we will generate ideas and plans for working better together.
  - Recognition that we can benefit each other starting with a better understanding of each other.

#### Changing landscape

- Breaking Boundaries Review.
- [INVOLVE](#) – letter from Zoe Gray, Director of INVOLVE.
- [North West People in Research Forum](#) (NWPiRF).
- Other changes/pressures?

## **Understanding each other in relation to the changing landscape**

- Where does your organisation/role fit?
- What are your requirements/pressures/hot issues in relation to PPI?
- How do you network or work together as a community currently?

## **Building on what we have**

- Where does your organisation/role fit?
- What are your requirements/pressures/hot issues in relation to PPI?
- How do you network or work together as a community currently?

## **How can we work together better/differently?**

- What are your hopes, aspirations, expectations and concerns for a North West PPI community?
- What can you or your organisation contribute?

## **Next steps**

A full report of the event has been produced to share with participants and key partners e.g. INVOLVE. The suggested actions overleaf will be shared with these partners for them to consider, as was agreed with participants. Overall everyone enjoyed the supportive environment of the meeting and participants were keen that their suggestions were taken forward.

## **Summary points for consideration**

1. Organisations are duplicating effort trying to identify PPI leads and key staff and a solution would be helpful.
2. A self-populating online platform is needed to reduce the burden of scoping organisation's resources/activities.
3. A regular opportunity to come together as a PPI community in the North West is needed.
4. The payments issue was agreed as something that could be considered regionally.
5. Leadership Academy support was suggested as there is little personal development support for people in PPI roles.
6. A regional PPI conference is needed.
7. Help for organisations to rotate hosting informal PPI communities of practice.
8. A need to enable PPI teams to use social media in their roles.