

## **FOI 0570/2025 Response**

**I am conducting an FOI-based study to explore the current state of community and/or patient public involvement and engagement (PPIE) within high-level agenda setting health research boards in NHS Trusts/Board in the UK.**

**May I please ask for the following information under the FOI act.**

- 1. Does your NHS Trust/Board have an executive board where health research strategy for the hospital/s is set? e.g a Research and Innovation Board or other relevant high-level board.**

Yes, our Trust has an executive board where its health research strategy is set via the Research and Development (R&D) Management Board.

Please note that the Research and Development (R&D) Management Board is a sub-group of the Trust Clinical Governance Committee (TCGC), which reports to the Trust Board sub-committee Quality, Patient Experience, Safety Committee (QPEC).

- 2. If yes, is there a PPIE (patient public involvement engagement) representative on this board with the specific remit to provide insights into research agenda setting from the perspective of a patient with lived experience of health issues or as a member of the public/community? [I am not referring to the presence of a lay chair].**

Yes, we have PPIE representation on our R&D Management Board in the form of a Service User Researcher Rep, and 2 spaces for members of our LEAR (Lived Experience Action Research) group.

- 3. Is there a PPIE advisory structure (e.g. board, committee, panel) which provides PPIE insights to inform the work of the executive board? (not within individual study groups- I refer to high level feedback into your research strategy meetings).**

No we do not have such a structure in place.

- 4. If yes to question 2, 3, 4 or 5, please provide the most recent minutes/agenda with a list of members with designated roles/remits (not names)**

Please note that currently we are unable to provide a response to this query.

This is because the requested documents are currently under review and therefore intended for future publications. The Trust rely on exemption Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to deny this aspect of your request.

- 5. Are PPIE representatives remunerated?**

Yes, we follow the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) and Trust policy.

- 6. Do you require PPIE representatives to do any training? If yes, please specify e.g NIHR training or in house-training.**

We do not have a specific training structure in place, but they are offered access to all the NIHR training, Library training, and training offered throughout the Trusts larger Expert by Experience (EBE) programme of work (including interview skills).