

What our members say....

“An extraordinary group of medics, academics and patients able to work together to make something effective that potentially will dramatically change the way doctors, consultants and health care professionals in general deal with their patients...quite breathtaking.”

“I have always been amazed that they actually listen to what I have to say, and use the information that I give. So you do feel valued when you work here.”

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Are you interested in being involved in health research?

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Do you want to use your experiences to shape better healthcare through research?

Do you want to work alongside researchers, healthcare professionals and patients?

What is health research?

Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement is a key component of the work carried out at the Research Institute for Primary Care and Health Sciences at Keele University.

Members of the public, patients and carers are invited to discuss and have input on research studies at various points, from the initial development of an idea for research, right through to the dissemination of findings.

At Keele our research covers a broad range of musculoskeletal, chronic pain and mental health conditions and we aim to gather evidence so that future treatments are most likely to be of benefit.

Our research is most likely to be effective, appropriate and relevant if the public are actively working alongside researchers.

What is the Research User Group? (RUG)

The RUG is a group of patients, carers and people who use health services and work with researchers. Our RUG members are keen to use their experiences to improve healthcare through research and we very much value their experiences, opinions and ideas.

What do RUG members do?

Activities our RUG members are involved in include:

- Giving advice on research design
- Reading and giving feedback on the content and layout of research materials (e.g. questionnaires, letters to patients, consent forms)
- Commenting on research proposals
- Becoming members of project steering committees
- Being co-applicants on grant submissions



You can do as much or as little as you like – the most important thing is that you can provide the insights and perspectives that only you, from your experiences, can give. You can even help us from home by reviewing information and giving feedback via post or email.

How will my involvement benefit research?

You will help our research to :

- Be understandable and relevant to people
- Stay on track

We will help, guide and support you as needed. The RUG group is not about being involved as a participant in a study, it is about being a lay advisor to researchers.

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Additional

Information

INVOLVE – Promoting public involvement in research www.involve.org.uk

HEALTHTALK – Videos of people who share their experiences with research www.healthtalk.org

PEOPLE IN RESEARCH – Opportunities for public involvement in clinical research www.peopleinresearch.org