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The development of a hospice Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) group through use of the Public Involvement in Research Impact Toolkit (PIRIT)

BACKGROUND

The Public Involvement in Research Impact Toolkit (PIRIT) supports researchers to integrate effective patient and public involvement (PPI) throughout a research study. Through one of Lindsey Lodge's doctoral students, it was evident the value hospice patients and staff could have in supporting their research however knowledge of how to effectively establish a PPI group was unknown.



RESULTS

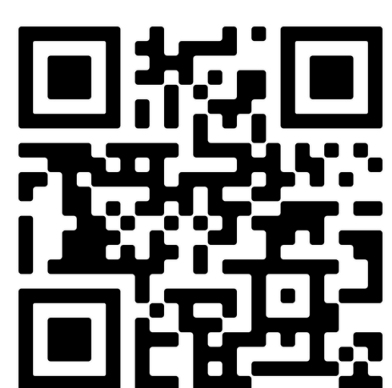
9 PPI participants were identified (5 staff, 4 patient). All participants reviewed essential ethics documentation ranging from consent forms, participant information sheets, medical letter templates and interview topic guides for accuracy and accessibility. Feedback was collated into a lay summary and a 'you said, we did' activity log was shared with all participants.

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AIM

The PIRIT Planning Tool was used to guide PPI development and clearly identify how the group could contribute to the students' research. Use of the tool would guide the type of activity the PPI group could participate in but also offer scope for contribution to wider organisational activities.

METHODOLOGY

The PIRIT Planning Tool was completed collaboratively between the student, academic supervisor and director of clinical services to scope potential PPI activities. A poster advertisement was created, in partnership with the hospice marketing team, and face to face discussions held with staff and patients on the role of PPI. Consent was obtained and demographics captured for each forthcoming participant.

CONCLUSION

The PPI contributions supported a successful ethical application and the PIRIT Tracking Tool will now be used to inform the wider organisation of PPI value. There was consensus across all members around a feeling of inclusivity in 'something exciting.' One PPI member reported 'I didn't realise research was part of this bit of your life' which highlights the need to support understanding regarding the value of PPI within the hospice space.



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