



# UK Project – Payment for public contributors in health & social care research

Public Involvement Forum

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# Background

- ⌘ Long standing issue - we have listened to feedback from a wide range of people who are affected by this
- ⌘ Complex processes in place for reimbursement for time, causing great frustration.
- ⌘ Inability to provide suitable and timely payment for public contributors;
  - ⌘ Undermines the ability for research to effectively involve the public
  - ⌘ Excludes certain parts of society from getting involved
  - ⌘ Wastes research funding

- 8 Wales triggered a UK wide discussion on this issue about a year ago to try to establish what could be done to improve the situation
- 8 Health and Care Research Wales is leading a project to try to address the situation in partnership with HRA and NIHR Centre for Engagement & Dissemination

# Progress update

- 🔗 Documents have been produced in collaboration with working groups and our interest group:
  - 🔗 Statement on expectations
  - 🔗 Guidance document for payment
  - 🔗 Categorisation document

- 8 First meeting of the payments sub group held on 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 21 co-chaired by Bob McAlister and Reshma Raycoba
- 8 Group will confirm stakeholder mapping and identify networks for communication
- 8 Key messages to be agreed consistently
- 8 HMRC engagement critical and we are currently in discussions about who we work with directly to progress this work

# Next steps

- 8 Finalise categorisation document
- 8 Establish conversation with HMRC about updating guidance to reflect where people/ organisations could benefit from a bit more clarity
- 8 Open dialogue with key stakeholders to support organisations in recognising and committing to rectify the issues; supporting those working with this day to day

- 8 Join our interest group to keep up to date with developments
- 8 Send us your feedback/ comments

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