



Strategy for Promoting and Supporting Patient and Public Involvement in Research: Executive summary

The Asthma UK Centre for Applied Research (AUKCAR) is committed to meaningful Patient and Public Involvement in Research (PPIR) in all research within its remit. AUKCAR has involved patients and the public in its activities since its inception. Leadership regarding PPIR is provided through the PPIR Strategic Platform (see <http://www.aukcar.ac.uk/public>). Core elements are:

Patient and Public Advisory Group

- Our UK-wide network of ~80 people affected by asthma advises AUKCAR researchers and students
- SPEAK Asthma, our Children and Young People's Group, advises on research pertinent to that age group

Ensuring meaningful PPIR in AUKCAR projects and governance

- All AUKCAR research involves people affected by asthma
- Four people affected by asthma sit on the Centre Management Committee; one as PPI Lead for each research programme and one for the Children and Young People's Group
- Best practice regarding PPIR is standard across AUKCAR, including early involvement, evaluation and dissemination
- A patient panel reviews all AUKCAR PhD studentships

Supporting researchers and patient and public advisors

- We provide advice/support for researchers and people affected by asthma to enable effective PPIR for research projects and programmes
- We provide information, good practice guidance and training for researchers and patient and public advisors
- Effective public engagement is promoted across AUKCAR

Contributing to the evidence base for PPIR

- We aim to contribute to developments in PPIR methodology and practice
- We have set up a system for reporting the impact of PPIR on AUKCAR research, people involved, researchers, processes and outcomes

The PPI Platform is led by Allison Worth and Ann Caress. Melissa Goodbourn is the PPI Platform Research Fellow. The four PPI Leads are Elisabeth Ehrlich, Michael Bang, Leo Campbell and Olivia Fulton.

The full AUKCAR Patient and Public Involvement in Research Strategy is available at: aukcar.ac.uk/about/policies-and-guidelines/

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