



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 (PPI) in all research within its remit. AUKCAR has involved patients and the public in its activities since its inception. Leadership regarding PPI is provided through the PPI Strategic Platform (see <https://www.ed.ac.uk/usher/aukcar/public-involvement>). Core elements are:

Patient and Public Advisory Group

- Our UK-wide network of ~100 people impacted by asthma advises AUKCAR researchers and students
- SPEAK Asthma advises on research pertinent to Children and Young People group

Ensuring meaningful PPI in AUKCAR projects and governance

- All AUKCAR research involves people affected by asthma
- Four people affected by asthma sit on the Centre Management Committee
- Best practice regarding PPI 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 PPI 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 PPI

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

The PPI Platform is led by Anna De Simoni and Tracy Jackson. The PPI Leads are Leo Campbell, Bill Day, Amanda Keighley and David Weatherill

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