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Dear [REDACTED]

Request for Information

I write further to your request FOI ID 48922 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding: -

Community and/or patient public involvement and engagement (PPIE) within high-level agenda setting health research boards in NHS Trusts/Board in the UK.

Your request is set out below:

1. Does your NHS Trust/Board have an executive board where health research strategy for the hospital/s is set? e.g a Research and Innovation Board or other relevant high-level board.

Yes

2. If yes, is there a PPIE (patient public involvement engagement) representative on this board with the specific remit to provide insights into research agenda setting from the perspective of a patient with lived experience of health issues or as a member of the public/community? [I am not referring to the presence of a lay chair].

Yes, we have a Lived Expertise Research Lead.

3. Is there a PPIE advisory structure (e.g. board, committee, panel) which provides PPIE insights to inform the work of the executive board? (not within individual study groups- I refer to high level feedback into your research strategy meetings).

Up until March 2025 we had an Engagement Council [KMPT | Join our Engagement Council](#) which provided this function. However, there is currently a restructure to produce a new Involvement & Engagement function.

4. If yes to question 2, 3, 4 or 5, please provide the most recent minutes/agenda with a list of members with designated roles/remits (not names).

N/A

5. Are PPIE representatives remunerated?

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Yes.

In addition, there is a payment policy for those involved in research.

6. Do you require PPIE representatives to do any training? If yes, please specify e.g NIHR training or in house-training.

No however we are currently creating training which will be co-produced with those who have lived experience.

7. I realise that some of this information may already be available. However, I was unable to locate it. So, if it is, please provide me with a link to the data.

N/A

I confirm that the information above completes your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am also pleased to confirm that no charge will be made for this request.

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Yours Sincerely

On Behalf of
The Information Governance Department