

CV BRU PPI Newsletter

Introduction

It's been a very busy 9 months for Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) at the CV-BRU. I started my post in late November 2015. A hectic few months followed, trying to remember names, find my way around the maze of corridors and set up PPI groups for a variety of research projects. Everyone has made me feel very welcome at the CV-BRU. Your collaborative work ethic and enthusiasm for PPI has made my job so much easier. Together, WE have achieved a lot, thank you so much for help, your enthusiasm and your time.

Public Engagement Logo Competition

Karen Sheehan was invited into Severn Beach Primary School to discuss the work of the CV-BRU.

The children drew logos for the leaflet and the website that are currently being constructed for our PPI group advising about children's heart problems.

The winner (Ashley) received £15 and the runner up (Jayda) £10.



The school were delighted to take part and the children were very engaged with the visits and the competition.



We also ran a logo competition for the adult PPI literature. Fran was our very worthy winner.



Winning Adult Logo Entry

Collaborative Working

A study, "PIRRIST", is being conducted to design and pilot a PPI implementation tool for use in surgical trials.

Keen to collaborate with other researchers working on PPI, some of the team from the CV-BRU and I contributed to a focus group for the study, led by Oxford University. This research is currently at an early stage and we will continue to be involved with the study as it develops.

Paediatrics

Working closely with the Paediatric research nurses, we are recruiting to two topic-specific PPI advisory groups made up of parents whose children have participated in a trial at the hospital.

These advisory groups are being convened to explore issues about;

- The ways that research findings are communicated to the parents of children who have participated in research trials
- How research findings are communicated to bereaved parents of children who participated in research trials.

PPI Advisory Groups: Adult groups

We have recruited a number of patients to topic-specific PPI advisory groups. These have been about:

Monitoring Heart Failure

Four patients and their companions, participated in a PPI group for the study 'Is B-type natriuretic peptide (BNP or NT-BNP) testing and monitoring beneficial for patients with heart failure (HF)?'

Choice of aortic valve replacement

A PPI group of three patients was held to discuss the feasibility of a trial to examine which aortic valve replacement is best in terms of quantity and quality of life for adults less than 60 years old.

Operation for treating intractable angina

A PPI group was set up and facilitated by both the CV-BRU and the Bradford Refractory Angina Clinic.

Five patients and a Cardiac Rehab sister attended the group to reflect on the feasibility of a proposed study, designed to explore whether a new operation to re-vascularise the heart through the venous coronary circulation is safe, whether the bypass grafts remain healthy, whether blood flow to the heart increases and angina symptoms improve, and whether patients experience improved quality of life.

Bleeding due to anti-platelet drugs

On-going study aims to find out the extent of bleeding in patients prescribed different combinations of dual antiplatelet therapy (DAPT) after coronary interventions in the UK – both serious bleeding requiring hospitalization and less serious bleeding, managed in primary care or by patients themselves.

PPI Strategy Groups

We are in the process of recruiting to patient panels for both adults and young people; these groups will work with us on various aspects of the research that is taking place across the CV-BRU. We are currently working closely with the research nurse teams exploring the most appropriate ways of recruiting to these panels.

Adult Group

Three adult patients have currently been recruited to the CV-BRU PPI panel. The group has been involved in writing the text and designing the leaflet for the next stage of the recruitment drive. We held an 'induction' PPI meeting in September where our panel met with various members of staff to learn more about their roles and the work that we do.

Young Person's Group

The young person's strategy group is at an earlier stage due to the different recruitment approaches needed. We are currently working on designing the leaflet and website to recruit young people.



Winning entry for the Children's PPI website



Winning Children's Logo Competition entry