



22 June 2026 – 09.45 – 16.15

The Francis Crick Institute

Agenda

Leave no one behind: Ensure everyone benefits from research

- 09.45 – 10.15 -----Registration and coffee -----
- 10.15 – 10.25 **Welcome – why we are here today**
- Nicola Keat, *CTC Scientific Operations Manager*
- Why it matters to increase uptake to clinical studies among patients from underrepresented groups**
- 10.25 – 11.20
- Simeon Greene, *NHS England's Patient and Public Voices Forum*
 - Desmond Powe, *Friends and Bredrins*
 - Dr Niamh McGarry & Sandra Hicks, *Clearview Research*
- 11.20 – 11.50 ----- Coffee break & networking -----
- 11.50 – 12.00 **How can patient advocates be supported when they get involved with research?**
Hosts: Linda von Neree, *PPIE Associate* & Gillian Murphy, *PPIE Partner*
- What role does diversity (including race and socioeconomic background) play when deciding whether to join a trial, including enrolling children in a trial?"**
Hosts: Simeon Greene, *NHS England's Patient and Public Voices Forum* & Dr Sophia Skyers, *CIBS IQ Research*
- 12.00-12.25
- 12.25 – 13.25 ----- Lunch break -----
- Involvement in research – interactive Q&A session with attendees**
- How do I get involved in research studies? – Gillian Murphy, *PPIE Partner*
 - This is my experience of getting involved – Samixa Shah, *PPIE Partner* & Solomon Alexis, *PPIE Partner*
 - Patient videos for trials: why/how they were done, how patients built confidence to do them – Tony Collier BEM, *PPIE Partner*
- 13.25 – 14.05 **Soft skills training for patient representatives (interactive sessions)**
1. Speaking out and how to make simple presentations
 - Hosts: Neil Ranasinghe, *PPIE Associate* & Anne Ranasinghe
 2. Understanding if a new cancer treatment works or not.
 - Hosts: Allan Hackshaw, *CTC Director* & Linda von Neree, *PPIE Associate*
 3. How is clinical research funded and why only some clinical trials are chosen?
 - Hosts: Anne Croudass, *CRUK Lead Research Nurse* & Nicholas Counsell, *CTC Principal Statistician*
- 14.05 – 15.05 ----- Coffee break & networking -----
- Children's cancer**
- Experience of patients and carers in research studies – Sarah Owen, *Parent Representative*
 - Successful trials in treating childhood cancer – Amy Kirkwood, *CTC Principal Statistician*
- Current hot topics in cancer research**
- Finding cancer early – Allan Hackshaw, *CTC Director*
 - Testing cancer for genetic abnormalities to decide the best treatment – Dr Charlotte Grieco, *Francis Crick Institute*
- 15.55 – 16.10 **The future of PPIE in Cancer Research**
Richard Stephens, *PPIE Partner* & *Chair of Cancer Research Advocates Forum-UK*
- 16.10 – 16.20