



Health Research
Authority

HRA Shared Commitment Statements

Statement 1 - explanation

Statement 1: describes how we will lead by example.

It is about the way we work as an organisation and how we will strive to be an 'involving organisation' that works for and is informed by insights from people and communities.

It should say to the health and social care research community that we will walk the walk on involvement as well as talking the talk

Statement 1

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Statement 2 - explanation

Statement 2: describes how we work with other organisations across the health and social care research system to embed public involvement building on our unique role as the only organisation whose main role is focused on participants in research and the wider public.

It draws on the data we hold on public involvement in applications for approval and information and guidance from our many partners across the research system

Statement 2

We want to encourage excellent involvement across the health and social care research landscape. We will learn about and celebrate good practice. We will demonstrate the benefits of involvement for research, for participants and for the public, working with our partners including public contributors.

Statement 3 - explanation

Statement 3: describes how we will use our authority and unique role to influence the research community

to involve the public as usual practice in the research they do.

It draws on the work that underpins Statement 2 around what excellent public involvement looks like and applies it what researchers need to tell us about the ways they have and will work with the people and communities for whom or about which their research is designed.

Statement 3

We want researchers to make excellent patient and public involvement a normal part of their research. We will make sure researchers are aware of our [Best Practice Principles](#) and what we expect to see in an application for approval.

Statement 4 - explanation

Statement 4: describes how public involvement will play a key role in the approvals system that we are responsible for as the regulator of health and social care research.

This is about how public involvement will inform our own policies and processes for review and approval of research and how insights from the people and communities that research is for and about will inform the way our committees review and approve research.

This will also help to build the public's trust in how research in which they or their family or friends might participate is reviewed and approved.

Statement 4

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