**To: Partner and community organisations**

Dear colleague,

**Help us to improve clinical research for everyone to take part**

We are writing to you from the Health Research Authority (HRA) to ask for your help in reaching out to your community.

The Health Research Authority protects and promotes the interests of patients and the public in health and social care research carried out in the NHS.

We are working on a project to improve the way clinical research happens and to make it better for all people to take part. The project is called the People-Centred Clinical Research project.

It is important that we reach as many people as possible.

We would be very grateful for your support to help share information about our work with your community.

**Why does this matter?**

Every day research is being carried out on a specific illness, condition, treatment or therapy, the results of which could help save lives and improve the quality of care for thousands of people every year.

Lots of people are involved in clinical research studies and trials, but we know there are lots of people who have still not benefitted from good clinical research.

**We want to change this by:**

* hearing what is important to people about taking part in research about their health care condition, treatment, therapy, or care
* finding out what makes it possible for people to take part in research
* finding out what researchers can do to improve research for people to take part and what makes it difficult
* making recommendations and acting on them

**How you can help**

There are a few ways you can help us improve research for all, by:

* helping to share our survey
* telling us about your community
* sharing posts on social media
* adding a news item to your newsletter, website or intranet
* supporting other ways for us to hear feedback

**Please share our survey until 17 February 2023**

To help your community share their experienceswe have created a survey.

The survey takes approximately five to 20 minutes to complete depending on how much information you wish to share.

It works on a phone or a computer, and answers can also be submitted by uploading a written document or video.

The survey will be open until 17 February 2023.

**Add a news item to your newsletter, website or intranet**

We have attached to this email some draft text that talks about the project and the survey.

We would be very grateful if you could add a news item to your next email newsletter, or to your website or intranet, encouraging people to complete the survey.

Please feel free to amend the text to best suit your house style.

**Accessible formats and alternative languages**

We can provide the survey and information about the project in accessible formats and other languages on request. If you would like to request any support, please do so by emailing your request to communications@hra.nhs.uk and adding 'People-Centred Clinical Research project' in the subject box.

**Tell us about your community**

We would like people to start completing and sharing the survey, but we know this method will not suit everyone.

If you feel adaptions should be made to support your community so they can share their views, please let us know.

You can also complete the survey on behalf of others if you feel able to represent them.

**Support other ways to hear feedback**

This survey is just one of the ways we are reaching out to people. We will also carry out conversations with individuals, communities or groups and we will be improving the way we engage as we learn from what we hear.

If you can help us to arrange conversations with communities who would not normally engage in clinical research then please contact us by emailing communications@hra.nhs.uk adding People-Centred Clinical Research project' in the subject box and we will arrange a call with you.

**Share the survey on social media**

We will be promoting the survey on social media from **9 January 2023.** We would be very grateful if your organisation could share our posts on Twitter and any other social media channels you use. You can follow the HRA on Twitter at [@hra\_latest](https://twitter.com/HRA_Latest)

We have attached some graphics that you can use on social media and some template posts below that you are welcome to use

**Post one**

The @HRA\_Latest want to improve clinical research and they have created a survey where you can share your experience of taking part in research. Complete the survey here 👉

<https://www.hra.nhs.uk/about-us/news-updates/share-your-feedback-and-help-us-improve-clinical-research>

#PeopleCentredResearch

**Post two**

Have you ever taken part in a clinical research? Thought about taking part but decided against it?

The @HRA\_Latest want to improve clinical research and are carrying out a survey of people's experiences.

Find out more here 👉

<https://www.hra.nhs.uk/about-us/news-updates/share-your-feedback-and-help-us-improve-clinical-research>

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**Post three**

We are supporting @HRA\_latest with their People-Centred Clinical Research project.

They want to make improvements to how clinical research is carried out and need your thoughts and experiences.

Complete their survey here 👉

<https://www.hra.nhs.uk/about-us/news-updates/share-your-feedback-and-help-us-improve-clinical-research>

#PeopleCentredResearch

We are using the hashtag #peoplecentredresearch on our posts and we would be grateful if you can include on any posts.

**Useful links**

[go to the survey](https://www.hra.nhs.uk/about-us/news-updates/share-your-feedback-and-help-us-improve-clinical-research/)

[about the People-Centred Clinical Research project](https://www.hra.nhs.uk/planning-and-improving-research/best-practice/people-centred-clinical-research/)

[what we mean by clinical research and why we are focussing on it](https://www.hra.nhs.uk/planning-and-improving-research/best-practice/people-centred-clinical-research/what-clinical-research-and-why-are-we-focussing-it/)

[about the HRA](http://www.hra.nhs.uk/)

**Contact us**

##### We would love to hear more from you to talk to you about this work.

You can contact us or request a call by emailing communications@hra.nhs.uk adding ‘People-Centred Clinical Research project’ in the subject box.

**Who is the HRA working with on this?**

The HRA has been working in partnership with members of the public, the research community, and the University of Lincoln.

The People-Centred Clinical Research project is part of the [UK Recovery Resilience and Growth Programme](https://sites.google.com/nihr.ac.uk/thefutureofukclinicalresearch/home) delivering the [UK vision for the Future of Clinical Research Delivery](https://www.google.com/url?q=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fthe-future-of-uk-clinical-research-delivery&sa=D&sntz=1&usg=AOvVaw0qrcrWFWb57MTmWni0sKRd)

We hope you will consider supporting our work. If you have any questions or would like to find out more about the project, please do get in touch.

Thank you

Yours faithfully

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