



Public Contributor Opportunity

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Are you a member of the public who has either taken part in a core outcome set study, or helped a research team develop / oversee their core outcome set study?

Do you have experience of taking part in meetings about research studies as a public contributor?

Are you interested in being co-chair of our COMET People and Patient Participation, Involvement and Engagement (PoPPIE) Working Group?

If you answered 'yes' to all these questions, please read on.

***A public contributor undertakes patient and public involvement (PPI) in research. PPI is where research being carried out 'with' or 'by' members of the public rather than 'to', 'about' or 'for' them. 'Public' means patients and their relatives as well as members of the general public. (INVOLVE).**

What is COMET and what does the COMET PoPPIE Working Group do?

The [COMET](#) (Core Outcome Measures in Effectiveness Trials) Initiative brings together people interested in developing and using core outcome sets. COMET aims to help people who develop and run core outcome set studies by:

- producing resources;
- promoting the exchange of ideas and information, and
- carrying out research about how core outcome sets should be best developed.

Launched in January 2010, COMET is an international organisation that recognises the vital contribution of patients, service users and carers in the development of core outcome sets. With this in mind it set up the People and Patient Participation, Involvement and

Engagement (PoPPIE) Working Group to lead and oversee the public participation, involvement and engagement work of the COMET Initiative.

Why is PoPPIE important?

Including the perspective of patients, service users and carers in agreeing patient important outcomes is crucial. Without this perspective we cannot be certain that the outcomes measured in research are meaningful and relevant to people affected by a condition. Core outcome set researchers need to make sure their studies are accessible for all. To help them with this, PoPPIE develops resources, undertakes workshops, hosts webinars and helps organise numerous other activities to support patient participation and involvement in core outcome set development.

Who else is a member of PoPPIE?

We have an academic co-chair, Bridget Young, who you would work alongside. Heather Bagley, Patient and Public Involvement Co-ordinator at the COMET Initiative, is a member of the group and would support you in your role. There are an additional [4 international members](#) in the group, so there will be 7 of us in total.

What would I do as a member and co-chair of PoPPIE?

As a member and co-chair of PoPPIE you would:

- Help agree the agendas and minutes of our meetings
- Co-chair alternate meetings of the Working Group
- Be an active member of the Working Group, offering a public perspective on discussions about patient participation and involvement in core outcome set studies.
- Contribute to the development of PoPPIE's resources, workshop plans, webinars etc.
- There may be occasional opportunities to attend national and international events, but this will depend on the availability of funding and it is not essential that you attend.

Can you tell me more about the PoPPIE meetings?

- Meetings take place by teleconference / videoconference
- There are usually around 4 meetings a year
- Each meeting usually lasts for up to 90 minutes
- Meetings are usually held at 14.00 hrs UK time
- All meetings are conducted in English.

What skills and experience do I need to have to express an interest?

Expressions of interest are welcomed from anyone with:

- Personal experience of either:
 - taking part in a core outcome set study as a patient, service user, or carer and / or
 - being a public research partner of a core outcome set study (i.e. helping to develop or oversee the core outcome set study with your patient or public perspective)
- A passion for the development and use of core outcome sets in health related research
- Time to be an active member of the group
- Experience of taking part in meetings about research studies as a public contributor
- Access to a computer and e-mail
- Ability to maintain confidentiality

Will payment for involvement be offered?

Yes, the co-chair will be offered a payment of £75 per meeting (to include preparation for the meeting and other contributions outside of the meeting).*

* Notes:

- *Payment for involvement will be subject to local arrangements and legal provisions.*
- *It is the individual's responsibility to enquire to their own personal tax/benefits office about the impact of any such claims on their personal financial circumstances such as sickness and unemployment benefits etc., and to report the income to relevant authorities in a timely fashion.*

What do I do if I'm interested in expressing my interest in the role of co-chair?

Please complete the attached Expression of Interest form and return to Heather Bagley, Heather.Bagley@liverpool.ac.uk, by **15th November 2019**. We will contact people who have expressed an interest by 2nd December 2019 with the outcome of their expression of interest and to further discuss the role with shortlisted individuals.

For further information, please contact:

Heather Bagley, Patient and Public Involvement Co-ordinator-
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(Please note Heather works part time, term time only so may not get back to you the same day).