# Your HRA public involvement newsletter

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If there is something you'd like to include, or learn more about, do let us know.

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## Public involvement in the work of the HRA

In this section, we give a short update on some of the involvement activities we have in progress and share new invitations to get involved in our work.

### Recent activity

Last month, 10 members of the public contributed to different aspects of the HRA’s work. Activities included:

* two members of [our Community Committee](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fvmm0dj30.r.us-west-2.awstrack.me%2FL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Feur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com%252F%253Furl%3Dhttps%25253A%25252F%25252Fvmm0dj30.r.us-east-1.awstrack.me%25252FL0%25252Fhttps%25253A%2525252F%2525252Fwww.hra.nhs.uk%2525252Fabout-us%2525252Fcommittees-and-services%2525252Four-community-committee%2525252F%25252F1%25252F010001910ef8747f-966c8ed0-85e2-4ae7-8175-54a09d8b52da-000000%25252F5qi-TIziIptXMM_fRQTlAb9ieu8%25253D385%2526data%3D05%25257C02%25257Cpublic.involvement%252540hra.nhs.uk%25257Cb6d8cb57481043e5498108dcb2cb9d5d%25257C8e1f0acad87d4f20939e36243d574267%25257C0%25257C0%25257C638581834809847711%25257CUnknown%25257CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%25253D%25257C0%25257C%25257C%25257C%2526sdata%3Df8BKOyWDmySGM9eKh4ZgBvBOKYv4Si7c2VREtJdY%25252FLk%25253D%2526reserved%3D0%2F1%2F010101914b0ca685-78c785e9-85ba-4eb8-aaeb-029dc87bf37c-000000%2FJVmDvoCssISHHqlLSre1ccnsYNA%3D387&data=05%7C02%7Ckat.evans%40hra.nhs.uk%7C6b6c2e186e484247d17408dcbb799713%7C8e1f0acad87d4f20939e36243d574267%7C0%7C0%7C638591380625832366%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=pp9bA7MVVy63FO%2BifgiHdcEeBOPPXMy5zGLEv1kbg80%3D&reserved=0), including one public contributor, attended a meeting to help plan the development of the HRA's next three year strategy
* two people attended [Shared Commitment to Public Involvement](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fvmm0dj30.r.us-west-2.awstrack.me%2FL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.hra.nhs.uk%252Fplanning-and-improving-research%252Fbest-practice%252Fpublic-involvement%252Fputting-people-first-embedding-public-involvement-health-and-social-care-research%252F%2F1%2F010101914b0ca685-78c785e9-85ba-4eb8-aaeb-029dc87bf37c-000000%2FJpB1-jgScxyUAzJ97FX2bY3wQSU%3D387&data=05%7C02%7Ckat.evans%40hra.nhs.uk%7C6b6c2e186e484247d17408dcbb799713%7C8e1f0acad87d4f20939e36243d574267%7C0%7C0%7C638591380625843717%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=oKmRVVk999uI1pfGKGY2hqF0dMqwFYw95wpRto2bl0A%3D&reserved=0) meetings with other organisations who regulate, fund or support health and social care research

​We also had meetings to exchange feedback with people who have been involved in our work, and the Community Committee had an informal meeting to get to know each other better. ​

### How to give feedback or raise a concern

We want to increase public involvement in how we make decisions and this means working differently and trying new things.

If you're involved in the work of the HRA and your experience isn't what you expected, or something has gone wrong, please get in touch with your named contact. If you would like to raise a formal concern, we have a procedure for dealing with these.

We welcome all suggestions and feedback to help us keep improving.

[Read our feedback or concerns webpage](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fvmm0dj30.r.us-west-2.awstrack.me%2FL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.hra.nhs.uk%252Fabout-us%252Fgovernance%252Ffeedback-raising-concerns%252F%2523%3A~%3Atext%3DFeedback%252520or%252520concerns%2525201%252520Providing%252520feedback%252520on%252520your%2C3%252520Appealing%252520a%252520decision%252520by%252520a%252520REC%2F1%2F010101914b0ca685-78c785e9-85ba-4eb8-aaeb-029dc87bf37c-000000%2FpnpjEvtaLQjo8edvTcl3p7HJA9I%3D387&data=05%7C02%7Ckat.evans%40hra.nhs.uk%7C6b6c2e186e484247d17408dcbb799713%7C8e1f0acad87d4f20939e36243d574267%7C0%7C0%7C638591380625851737%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=LnlUfzmmYvXxItjOhwJ0U27ZejofKgJYwgtEW%2B45rhY%3D&reserved=0)

## HRA news

In this section, we share news about some of the HRA’s work that we think you may be interested in. You might also enjoy exploring [the news and updates section of the HRA website](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fvmm0dj30.r.us-west-2.awstrack.me%2FL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.hra.nhs.uk%252Fabout-us%252Fnews-updates%252F%2F1%2F010101914b0ca685-78c785e9-85ba-4eb8-aaeb-029dc87bf37c-000000%2FiLgR0fuP8G0Z_colMLpKu3Piiic%3D387&data=05%7C02%7Ckat.evans%40hra.nhs.uk%7C6b6c2e186e484247d17408dcbb799713%7C8e1f0acad87d4f20939e36243d574267%7C0%7C0%7C638591380625862417%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=4Z%2B0WZg78Z4LdHAK1ugHxl%2BXAuIMrqNR79438maGEkI%3D&reserved=0).

### HRA Community ways of working

A little while ago we told you that we were working on some important guidance and information to support everyone who gets involved in our work.

​Our new HRA Community ways of working webpages are now live and are there to give you a clear idea of what you can expect from us, what is expected of you and how we can support you.

​The information has been created in collaboration with our [Community Committee](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fvmm0dj30.r.us-west-2.awstrack.me%2FL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Feur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com%252F%253Furl%3Dhttps%25253A%25252F%25252Fwww.hra.nhs.uk%25252Fabout-us%25252Fcommittees-and-services%25252Four-community-committee%25252F%2526data%3D05%25257C02%25257Cpublic.involvement%252540hra.nhs.uk%25257Ccc98cf68387b469982a008dca0fa1531%25257C8e1f0acad87d4f20939e36243d574267%25257C0%25257C0%25257C638562243158083635%25257CUnknown%25257CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%25253D%25257C0%25257C%25257C%25257C%2526sdata%3DZMLQFS5qtwvvYsihj4rZOUilxuaEKX7zPlGDo6JEh1k%25253D%2526reserved%3D0%2F1%2F010101914b0ca685-78c785e9-85ba-4eb8-aaeb-029dc87bf37c-000000%2F8yR62gYc4RuTLiqlsPTNIk7Dmj4%3D387&data=05%7C02%7Ckat.evans%40hra.nhs.uk%7C6b6c2e186e484247d17408dcbb799713%7C8e1f0acad87d4f20939e36243d574267%7C0%7C0%7C638591380625871814%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=zU14h4CnuJm2N34I42lBVhUsDoVyQ%2FauC0%2B7HaS9LSo%3D&reserved=0) and is specifically designed for our public involvement network, Research Ethics Committee (REC) members and Confidentiality Advisory Group (CAG) members.

​It gives an overview of:

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​If you are thinking about getting involved in our work or if you already are, please take the time to read through the guidance.

​We will also make sure we send you a link to this guidance every time you express an interest in an involvement activity, so the information is always close to hand.

​We hope you find this a valuable resource!

​We’re always grateful for your feedback, so please [email the public involvement](mailto:public.involvement@hra.nhs.uk) team on [public.involvement@hra.nhs.uk](mailto:public.involvement@hra.nhs.uk), if you think there is any other information which should be included in this guidance.

[Read the HRA Community ways of working](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fvmm0dj30.r.us-west-2.awstrack.me%2FL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.hra.nhs.uk%252Fabout-us%252Fhra-community-ways-working%252F%2F1%2F010101914b0ca685-78c785e9-85ba-4eb8-aaeb-029dc87bf37c-000000%2FLLZiwZmcud2_a4nYypzXwY7C4oE%3D387&data=05%7C02%7Ckat.evans%40hra.nhs.uk%7C6b6c2e186e484247d17408dcbb799713%7C8e1f0acad87d4f20939e36243d574267%7C0%7C0%7C638591380625943598%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=nJQp2MoFoyT%2BcH09r5EVyNWoEiI18LQQx2WtWa22iWY%3D&reserved=0)

### Diversity and inclusion survey results

We’re pleased to share the results of our diversity and inclusion survey, which we ran in late 2023.

The report gives us an insight into the demographics of our HRA Community – made up of members of the public who inform and influence our work through public involvement activities, as well as members of our Research Ethics Committees (RECs) and Confidentiality Advisory Group (CAG).

In total, we had a 67% response rate. A big thank you to everyone who took part!

It’s really important to us that the people we work with reflect the diversity of the population we serve.

[The HRA’s strategy](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fvmm0dj30.r.us-west-2.awstrack.me%2FL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fs3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com%252Fwww.hra.nhs.uk%252Fmedia%252Fdocuments%252FHRA_Strategy_2022-25.pdf%2F1%2F010101914b0ca685-78c785e9-85ba-4eb8-aaeb-029dc87bf37c-000000%2FQdW28pNYUkE4R3sq8JEb3gVACf8%3D387&data=05%7C02%7Ckat.evans%40hra.nhs.uk%7C6b6c2e186e484247d17408dcbb799713%7C8e1f0acad87d4f20939e36243d574267%7C0%7C0%7C638591380625952573%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=mwlu4s6uIyk8Q5JoYMP5aIXt79ula0z6UbXhGjQoYUQ%3D&reserved=0) sets out to include, so that health and social care research is done with and for everyone. An important part of this is to ensure that the HRA makes better decisions by working with a diverse group of people.

We’ll use the results of the survey to help us better understand the make up of our HRA Community and to work towards making sure our membership is representative of all backgrounds.

[Read the full report](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fvmm0dj30.r.us-west-2.awstrack.me%2FL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.hra.nhs.uk%252Fabout-us%252Fgovernance%252Fequality-and-diversity%252Fhra-community-demographic-report%252F%2F1%2F010101914b0ca685-78c785e9-85ba-4eb8-aaeb-029dc87bf37c-000000%2FHK82EEoKwyqfTdQYVCacK2p3_S4%3D387&data=05%7C02%7Ckat.evans%40hra.nhs.uk%7C6b6c2e186e484247d17408dcbb799713%7C8e1f0acad87d4f20939e36243d574267%7C0%7C0%7C638591380625960591%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=p1gUM5DQ6BF61IH2xhpFBogP%2B%2FNJT%2FewnwYHWXMNFa0%3D&reserved=0)

## Public involvement news from outside the HRA

In this section, we share news of activities organised by other groups or organisations. To find out more about the activity, please contact the organisers directly.

To include a news item relating to public involvement in health or social care research, [please email the public involvement team](mailto:public.involvement@hra.nhs.uk) at [public.involvement@hra.nhs.uk](mailto:public.involvement@hra.nhs.uk)

### Medical Research Council (MRC) public partnerships strategy

The MRC has published its new strategy for how people and the research community can come together to shape and share research.

The new strategy outlines ambitions for creating effective collaboration and genuine partnerships between researchers, MRC staff, public involvement and engagement professionals, individuals and communities over the next three years.

The MRC funds research at the forefront of science to prevent illness, develop therapies and improve human health. They have found that embedding public partnerships in their work can improve the relevance of research, making it more likely that everyone will benefit.

If you have any questions, [you can email the MRC](mailto:publicengagement@mrc.ukri.org) on [publicengagement@mrc.ukri.org](mailto:publicengagement@mrc.ukri.org).

[Find out more](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fvmm0dj30.r.us-west-2.awstrack.me%2FL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.ukri.org%252Fnews%252Fnew-mrc-public-partnerships-strategy%252F%2F1%2F010101914b0ca685-78c785e9-85ba-4eb8-aaeb-029dc87bf37c-000000%2F1tERfbsaRQH2uEz1yDB1XpJ4TQ0%3D387&data=05%7C02%7Ckat.evans%40hra.nhs.uk%7C6b6c2e186e484247d17408dcbb799713%7C8e1f0acad87d4f20939e36243d574267%7C0%7C0%7C638591380625967565%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=505wyvlU3tcDiiYm6Yb0bxOYUNBjOKushaDXriXZuRc%3D&reserved=0)

### Ethical review process guided by people with dementia - a blog by Dr Sarah Griffiths

Dr Sarah Griffiths writes about the value of working alongside people with experience of dementia to design a research study.

She describes how together they identified and worked on issues such as:

* keeping personal information safe
* equality, diversity and inclusion
* creating clear information for people deciding whether to take part in the research

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## Did you know?

The HRA is organised into different directorates. This month, we are shining a light on the work of the Digital Directorate.

### The HRA Digital Directorate

To make sure the UK continues to be a great place to do research, our information systems need to be easy to use, up to date, and secure.

But nothing stands still - research and technology change and evolve. So it is vital that we update our digital research services based on the needs of those who use them.

There are four teams in the Digital Directorate at the HRA. They cover everything from the management of our day-to-day IT services to cyber security, and are responsible for the ongoing transformation of our systems.

Because we are just one part of the UK’s wider research data services, we work in partnership with colleagues in the Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales government health departments. We also work with health and care organisations across these nations that support, guide, and regulate health and social care research.

Why does all this matter?

By making things as simple and straightforward for researchers and everyone else involved in setting up and running health and social care research, we can make it easier to do research that people can trust.

If anything in this email is unclear, you have questions, or would like to suggest something you'd like to learn about, please [email the public involvement team](mailto:public.involvement@hra.nhs.uk) at [public.involvement@hra.nhs.uk](mailto:public.involvement@hra.nhs.uk) or phone the public involvement team on 0207 104 8161.