

## NHSBT Patient and Public Advisory Group

### Terms of Reference

NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) has the responsibility for optimising the supply of blood, organs, tissues and raising the quality, effectiveness and efficiency of blood and transplant services for the public. The mission statement of this group is to provide support and encourage NHSBT's researchers to actively seek Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE) in their research. The role of the group is to bring together expertise, insight, and experience in the field of public involvement in research, with the aim of making it an essential part of the process by which NHSBT research is identified, prioritised, designed, conducted, and disseminated. We call our group the NHSBT Patient and Public Advisory Group (PPAG).

#### Purpose of the group:

- Act as a resource for NHS Blood and Transplant researchers to ensure active PPIE in all levels of research or where applicable.

#### Reports to:

- NHSBT Research Governance Office.

#### Responsibilities:

- Enable meaningful PPIE in NHSBT research projects.
- Provide advice to NHSBT researchers (including but not exclusively; meetings, document review, study design etc.).
- Provide ongoing feedback to help further develop and refine the process for involving patients in the review of clinical research.
- Provide advice on how and where to inform both research participants and the wider public about the results of NHSBT research.

#### Membership:

- Membership is open to all interested parties over the age of 18.

#### Resources:

- More information can be found at: <https://www.nhsbt.nhs.uk/research-and-development/>
- NHSBT PPAG Webpage: <https://www.nhsbt.nhs.uk/research-and-development/patient-and-public-advisory-group/>
- Contact the PPIE Officer at: [PPAG.Research@nhsbt.nhs.uk](mailto:PPAG.Research@nhsbt.nhs.uk)