

## **SPCR PPI Payment Statement**

The NIHR School for Primary Care Research encourage members of the School to align with NIHR guidance when deciding on the most appropriate method of payment for public contributors. Opportunities must be equitable and accessible, and public contributors should not be left out of pocket due to becoming actively involved in research.

Offering and facilitating payments for involvement needs to be sensitive to and take account of a diverse range of circumstances, including people in receipt of welfare benefits, people on low or uncertain income, or people who may not have bank accounts.

New NIHR guidance published in June 2022 "Payment for Public Involvement in Health and Care Research: A guide for organisations on determining the most appropriate payment approach" <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/documents/Payment-for-Public-Involvement-in-Health-and-Care-Research-A-guide-for-organisations-on-determining-the-most-appropriate-payment-approach/30838> produced in collaboration with Health and Care Research Wales, the Health Research Authority and reviewed by HMRC, recognises the use of cash payment to public contributors. Cash should be a mechanism of payment when appropriate, in addition to other common payment methods, including BACS, vouchers, and cheque, to ensure best practice when rewarding the public for their time, skills and expertise and contributions to the research process.

Members of the public should be made aware of the payment policy which will apply to them prior to involvement.

### **NIHR Payment guidance for members of the public considering involvement in research**

<https://www.nihr.ac.uk/documents/payment-guidance-for-members-of-the-public-considering-involvement-in-research/27372>

**Payment guidance for researchers and professionals** <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/documents/payment-guidance-for-researchers-and-professionals/27392>

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