

Opportunity: Public Contributor Role **NIHR Team Science Camp Round , 15th-17th September 2026**

Dates: 15th-17th September 2026

Location: [De Vere Cranage Estate](#) Byley Lane, Holmes Chapel, CW4 8EW

Background

The National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) is launching the 4th round of the **Team Science Camp**. The NIHR Team Science Camp Round 4 aims to bring together researchers and public contributors interested in **data-science driven health and social care research** from various disciplines and with a wide range of experiences to tackle complex current and emerging health and care challenges.

The Team Science **Award** aims to bring together individuals to form teams to address a research challenge from different disciplinary perspectives. In order to support individuals and teams to apply for the Award, NIHR is organising a **funded, facilitated 3-day Team Science Camp** on **15th-17th September 2026**.

Interdisciplinary researchers have been invited to apply and will be shortlisted to attend the camp. At the **Camp**, all attendees will be placed into teams which will consist of approximately 8 interdisciplinary researchers and **one Public Contributor**. Attendees will be supported to understand how their skills contribute to the wider skillset of the team, to communicate effectively within teams, to build a shared vision and to understand team roles and responsibilities. One of the aims of the Camp is for teams to begin the formation of a research question in preparation for an application to the next round of the Team Science Award. We will offer attendees the option to change teams if they wish to do so.

We expect there to be around 70 attendees at the Camp, who will be divided into approximately 7/8 teams. Each team will include **one Public Contributor**.

About the role:

- We are seeking **7-8** Public Contributors to be embedded within the Teams at the Team Science Camp.
- **The role** of the **Public Contributor** is to support and educate the team in their discussions around PPIE. We **do not expect** public contributors to lead the team, but rather to contribute as part of the team and be open to being part of any future Team Science Award application that the team may make.
- The aim of this involvement is to ensure/encourage teams to embed public contributors in their research planning process. We want to ensure that the teams give due consideration to public contributors as a core part of their team by involving them in key stages of project design and development and in consensus decision making.
- Some academic attendees may not have prior experience of working with public contributors, therefore, this opportunity could be their first exposure to PPIE input. Some others may be very experienced at working with PPIE colleagues. We hope that

this experience will bring benefits to all involved and set the course for inclusion of the patient and public perspective being embedded in their Teams approach going forward.

Key details

Reimbursement:

£27.50 for the briefing session.

£495 for 3 days (£165 per day)

Training: We will provide you with an online briefing session in advance of the event covering further details on the group activity and the public contributor role you will be undertaking. This Session will be held on **Monday 7th September 2026 2-3pm**

Event details: We will provide accommodation for 15th and 16th September and food during the event and cover any additional expenses such as travel, childcare/carer costs (subject to prior agreement) PA costs/accommodation. Alcoholic drinks will not be included.

This will be an in-person event across 3 days:

- **Tuesday 15th September:** Registration for the event starts from 11am with lunch and networking before the main agenda commences at 1pm
- **Wednesday 16th September:** group activity all day; attendees will be working in their respective teams as well as larger full camp group activities
- **Thursday 17th September:** camp will end at 1.30pm on Day 3 with a “grab and go” lunch provided

Selection Process: We are looking for individuals who are keen to support interdisciplinary researchers to develop their research and PPIE skills. Our selection process will also consider the diversity of representatives, including experience, background, geography etc.

Please note that due to an expected high level of interest; we are keen to ensure that new eligible applicants have the opportunity to attend the Team Science Camp so previous attendees will not be eligible to apply.

If you are interested in being involved in the Team Science camp, please submit an expression of interest to the NIHR by **Wednesday 1st July 2026** using the google form link below. If you have any queries or would like to contact us directly regarding the role, please email ipps@nihr.ac.uk

Please complete the Expression of Interest form below:

[Team Science Camp Public Contributor Expression of Interest Form](#)