



IDEAS-NET: PPIE ONLINE WORKSHOP

Discussion Summary

- 16/05/2025
- 12:00 – 14:30
- Microsoft Teams

Attendees: Sonia Dalkin, Jason Scott, Leanne Anderson Clements, Jamie Taylor, Will McGovern, Julie Williams, Anando Sen, Vivienne Hibberd, Natalija Atas, Bella Starling, Nicola Martin, David Croisdale-Appleby, Sarah Janac, Kamran Malick, Peter Hutchinson, Sophia Amenyah, Victoria Nunn

Chair: Jason Scott

The meeting was guided by Dr Jason Scott, Deputy Director of IDEAS-NET, who provided an overview of the IDEAS National Evaluation Team based at Northumbria University, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK. IDEAS-NET (Interdisciplinary Evaluation of Complex Innovations in Health and Social Care) is funded by the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) through the Health and Social Care Delivery Research (HSDR) Programme. The team is tasked with undertaking rigorous evaluations focused on the organisation and delivery of complex innovations within health and care services.

Over the course of our five-year funding period, IDEAS-NET will adopt a bespoke, co-design approach within each evaluation. Our aim is to generate timely, robust, and meaningful evidence to inform the transformation of health and social care services, innovations, and outcomes for all stakeholders.

The workshop discussions focused on the integral role of Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE), as well as the commitment to Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) throughout all prospective evaluations. Participants shared valuable insights and experiences on effective PPIE practices, highlighting the importance of consistent data collection, the inclusion of lived experience perspectives, and the benefits of collaborative working with a wide range of stakeholders.

To ensure inclusive and impactful engagement, the IDEAS-NET team plans to establish both a Team-Level PPIE Group and Evaluation-Specific Lived Experience Groups. These structures will help ensure diverse representation and meaningful involvement across all projects.

Key discussion points included:

- The importance of adopting intersectional approaches to avoid tokenistic or “box-ticking” practices
- The need for clear, justifiable PPIE strategies and engagement plans
- The value of training and capacity-building for both team members and public contributors
- The significance of non-financial incentives, such as “in-kind” support
- The need for flexible remuneration options, including vouchers, and tailored support to enable participation

Overall, the workshop underscored the team’s commitment to embedding inclusive and equitable practices across all stages of evaluation design and delivery.