

Questions addressed to Adam Goodger Senior Manager: Research Policy, Department of Health and Social Care, regarding the closure of the Maximising Impact and Public Partnerships contract.

1. What happens to the former role of Director for Public Voice, which among other things was a symbol of NIHR's commitment to PPI?
2. Where is the visible leadership within NIHR structures and externally, for Public Voice if the Director role is abolished?
3. Who coordinates the implementation of the Strategic Commitments for Public Partnerships across the various partners?
4. Who exerts NIHR's shared leadership of the Shared Commitment for Public Involvement, the Five Nations Group and the future of the UK Standards for Public Involvement?
5. Who is responsible for the single NIHR business plan for public partnerships across the various PPI healing centres etc?
6. The future of the NIHR Public Partnerships Programme Board, the governance of the work they currently do and, if continues in some form, who provides the secretariat?
7. Who is responsible for curating, updating and disseminating PPI guidance, currently on the Learning for Involvement [Homepage - Learning for Involvement](#) website?
8. Who is the NIHR lead, supporting DHSC, on liaison with HMRC and DWP concerning payments for public contributors and welfare benefits and tax implications?
9. How the public partnerships agenda relates to the research inclusion agenda, and what happens to the NIHR Race Equality Framework [NIHR Race Equality Framework | NIHR](#) and Race Equality Public Action Group (see appendix A in above doc) championed and run by MIPP?
10. Who fields and answers inquiries on the public partnership's enquiry line? Will there be an enquiry line for everyone to use?
11. Who manages the contract for the Benefits Advice Service currently held by Cardiff (Wales) CAB which advises on a case-by-case basis on the interaction of public contributor payments who also claim welfare benefits?
12. Who leads on People in Research, [Home - People in Research](#), the public involvement opportunities website?

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