

Meeting with public contributors for the ELUCIDate study: Summary Report

13th March 2024

Who we involved

An online meeting was held on 13th March 2024 with five parents/guardians; six teenagers (five female, one male); Dr Katharine Looker from ELUCIDate; Scarlett from the Young Persons Advisory Group (YPAG); Dr Carmel McGrath (Research Fellow in Public Involvement); and Ms Lucy Condon (Patient and Public Involvement Facilitator).

What input we wanted

The aims of the meeting were:

- to welcome our Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) contributors and to help everyone to get to know each other with an icebreaker;
- to introduce three scientific terms relevant to the ELUCIDate study;
- to answer any questions from our contributors, and give them the opportunity to raise anything they felt was important.

What we discussed

At the start of the meeting, Scarlett led an icebreaker for everyone, since this was the first time our contributors were all meeting each other.

After Scarlett's icebreaker, Dr Looker asked everyone to put an emoji on the screen for how confident they felt about the terms "Exposure", "Control group" and "Risk ratio".

Following that, she introduced each term in turn and asked participants (young people first, followed by parents/guardians) to select the definition they thought matched the term from four available options (not all of them serious!). After contributors had selected an option, Dr Looker gave a short explanation of the term.

At the end, Dr Looker asked everyone to put an emoji on the screen for a second time, to see how confident contributors felt about the terms after the training session.

Next steps

We will now split our PPI group into a group of young people and a group of parents/guardians. We will meet with our group of young people about every three months, and our group of

parents/guardians about every six months. The summary report from the meeting will be sent to our contributors for them to approve, along with an information sheet summarising the training content, a certificate of participation, and a short evaluation which we will use to improve future meetings.

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