Research grant funders require patient and public involvement (PPI) to feature in research projects. There is evidence that PPI can have a favourable impact on many stages of the research process, including recruitment, elicitation of patient views, and outcome measures and recruitment process. PPI has had a positive impact on the patient and public involvement (PPI) has kept patients and carers’ views at the forefront to ensure the work remains relevant to those who benefit from hospice services.

Co-production ensures that all perspectives are equally included. Patient and public involvement (PPI) co-applicants have been generous with their time. They provided feedback on the project idea, research questions, outcome measures, and recruitment process. Two members went on to become co-applicants on the project grant to act as members of the research team to provide their expertise. The PPI group included bereaved carers who had used hospice services. They provided feedback on the project idea, research questions, outcome measures, and recruitment process. Current hospice patient and hospice staff perspectives were also sought. Their input included:

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