

The University Hospital Southampton PPI Team



I'm **CAROLINE** and have the fancy title of 'Strategic Lead for Community Involvement, Engagement and Participation' in the ARC. Basically, I try to make sure that the work the ARC does is as useful as possible in the real world, by making sure our researchers work closely with the communities affected by it. I also lead and support the wider PPI team working at University Hospital Southampton (Michael, Carmel and Barney). In the past I have done research exploring how cancer cells use energy compared to healthy cells, and how this could be a way to create new treatments.

My name is **KATHERINE** and I am the new PPI Officer for the ARC. My job will be supporting PPI contributors and activities for ARC research projects and being a point of contact for both the staff and public.

I grew up in the New Forest and have attended school and college here, before studying history in Leicester. My previous job was working with smoking cessation as an advisor and before that in local pharmacy as a dispenser. I currently live in Marchwood with my partner and two naughty cats, Lilo and Nova.



My name is **Barney**, and I am the PPI Officer for the Wessex Patient Involvement Network (PIN). This network brings together PPI staff to share expertise and work together on areas of shared priority. For example, we have a project to improve the diversity of people who have the opportunity to get involved in PPI. We are also exploring hosting a training programme for public contributors.



Carmel- I am a first year PhD student. My PhD is about exploring the impacts of PPI in health research. My research is funded by the NIHR Southampton Biomedical Research Centre and the University of Southampton.



My name is **MICHAEL** I am PPI Officer for R&D at University Hospital Southampton. I support researchers from organisations like the NIHR Southampton Clinical Research Facility by connecting them to members of the public that help them shape the way our clinical trials are done.

