Please explain who you are nominating for this award and briefly why

Jordan Curry is the nominee for this award for his exceptional integration of patient and public involvement (PPI) throughout his doctoral research, despite having no prior PPI experience at the outset. This proved to be a valuable learning process for all involved. Jordan benefited from being part of a cancer research programme with dedicated PPI coordination and an existing group involving a mixture of patients, carers, and people recruited via social media and Involve Hull.

Undertaking PPI during COVID-19 brought unique challenges that Jordan navigated with sensitivity. Despite the sadness of experiencing the death of three PPI members, he continued engagement through an empathetic, supportive approach valuing members' contributions – even welcoming input from those nearing the end of life.

Jordan's research required compassion when involving vulnerable populations. Yet his participatory, collaborative process remained aligned with UK PPI Standards, upholding inclusive opportunities for feedback and transparent, patient-centred decision-making.

This context highlights Jordan's adaptability and commitment to meaningful PPI, particularly when facing unforeseen obstacles. His work epitomises quality PPI that enhances research relevance. By embracing public partners' perspectives, Jordan created a lasting impact and learned critical lessons in participatory research – meriting recognition through this award.

Project Title

The Feasibility and Acceptability of ExerciseGuide UK: A Web-Based Platform for Personalised Physical Activity Programs and Educational Resources for Individuals Living with and Beyond Lung Cancer. A Mixed Methods Thesis

Summary

Jordan's collaborative co-design approach within his doctoral degree is a clear example of meaningful patient and public involvement (PPI) that enhanced every stage of his doctoral research around an online supportive care platform. He integrated PPI members as true collaborators from initial design through final results dissemination, fully embracing the spirit of UK PPI Standards.

Jordan offered inclusive, accessible participation opportunities spanning three virtual interactive workshops where PPI insights guided platform development and optimisation for those living with and beyond lung cancer. Applying "Inclusive Opportunities" and "Working Together" standards, Jordan fostered respectful partnerships where all contributions shaped decisions around content, videos, infographics, navigation, readability, and essential resources.

PPI members directly informed participant-facing materials like consent forms and participant information sheets, based on a patient-centred perspective with the aim of upholding the "Communication" standards. Their input on the website architecture also promoted usability and acceptability in study findings. Patient and public involvement members were involved beyond the platform itself to advise study methodology around recruitment, questionnaires and engagement approaches tailored to patients' needs and preferences.
Jordan built PPI members' confidence and skills by providing ongoing communication, project updates and valued personal support. Using co-publication further demonstrates Jordan's dedication to working collaboratively while capturing meaningful impacts. Jordan published a

commentary paper in the BMC Research Involvement and Engagement with the research team, including PPI members as co-authors, which reflected on the added value of patient and public involvement within a doctoral degree. Patient and public involvement insights fundamentally guided the development of an understandable, usable and patient-centred platform.

Following a usability study using Think Aloud interviews with a number of individuals living with and beyond lung cancer, Jordan summarised the findings and presented them back to the PPI group. However, before he did this, he proposed suggested revisions to help facilitate the group discussion. Of the suggested revisions proposed, the PPI members disagreed with over half, powerfully highlighting why consistent PPI engagement makes research truly applicable to the communities it serves. Through aligning with UK standards in offering "Support & Learning" and assessing "Impact", Jordan created space for PPI to enhance outcomes. Allowing PPI members to voice disagreement openly in a collaborative decision-making process also upheld "Governance". Jordan's use of the GRIPP2 Short form to assess PPI impact also demonstrates his commitment to capturing and applying learning. Following each PPI workshop, Jordan emailed all members a summary of the workshop with colour-coded (traffic light) actions. Green illustrated actions that will be implemented, yellow points that will be explored if feasible to do so, and red, valued but not currently feasible. This demonstrated how PPI voices were not only heard but acted upon.

Throughout his research, Jordan's PPI integration provides a shining example of equitable, participatory partnerships in practice. His co-design process epitomises the spirit and principles of quality PPI, warranting recognition through this well-deserved award. (Word count 473)

Who is the project lead?

Jordan Curry

Who was the funder for this project?

Yorkshire Cancer Research

Are there any links or resources you want to share to support your nomination?

PPI Commentary Paper:
Curry, J., Roberts, H., Smith, A. et al. Developing and testing the ExerciseGuide UK website for people with lung cancer: reflections on the added value of patient and public involvement within a doctoral degree. Res Involv Engagem 8, 66 (2022). https://doi.org/10.1186/s40900-022-00395-1

Protocol Paper:
Curry, J., Lind, M., Short, C.E. et al. Evaluating a web-based computer-tailored physical activity intervention for those living with and beyond lung cancer (ExerciseGuide UK): protocol for a single group feasibility and acceptability study. Pilot Feasibility Stud 8, 182 (2022). https://doi.org/10.1186/s40814-022-01129-6