

The Medical Research Council Trials Methodology Research Partnership (MRC TMRP) is an international community of people, that includes members of the public. Together we focus on improving how we design, deliver, analyse, and report clinical trials.

Improving health by improving trials

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Trial methods research aims to improve the quality and relevance of clinical trials. Whilst ensuring that trials are acceptable and accessible to patients. Methods research is relevant to everyone who makes decisions about healthcare, including patients.

**Public involvement is part of all MRC TMRP activities.
People and communities contribute across the methods pathway.
Developing new ideas through to the sharing of study results:**



Building partnerships with early career researchers



The MRC TMRP Doctoral Training Partnership (MRC TMRP DTP) provides a training program for PhD candidates. This includes workshops to develop skills in involvement and to connect with public partners.

The MRC-TMRP DTP leadership team includes a public partner.



Addressing important methods research questions

MRC TMRP projects, funded in 2025, all include public involvement. Bringing a public perspective to a range of methods research areas including surrogate outcomes, health economics, and adaptive designs.

An ongoing project led by MRC TMRP and Ireland Health Research Board Trials Methodology Research Network, will include the opinions of patients and the public in shaping future priorities for methods research.

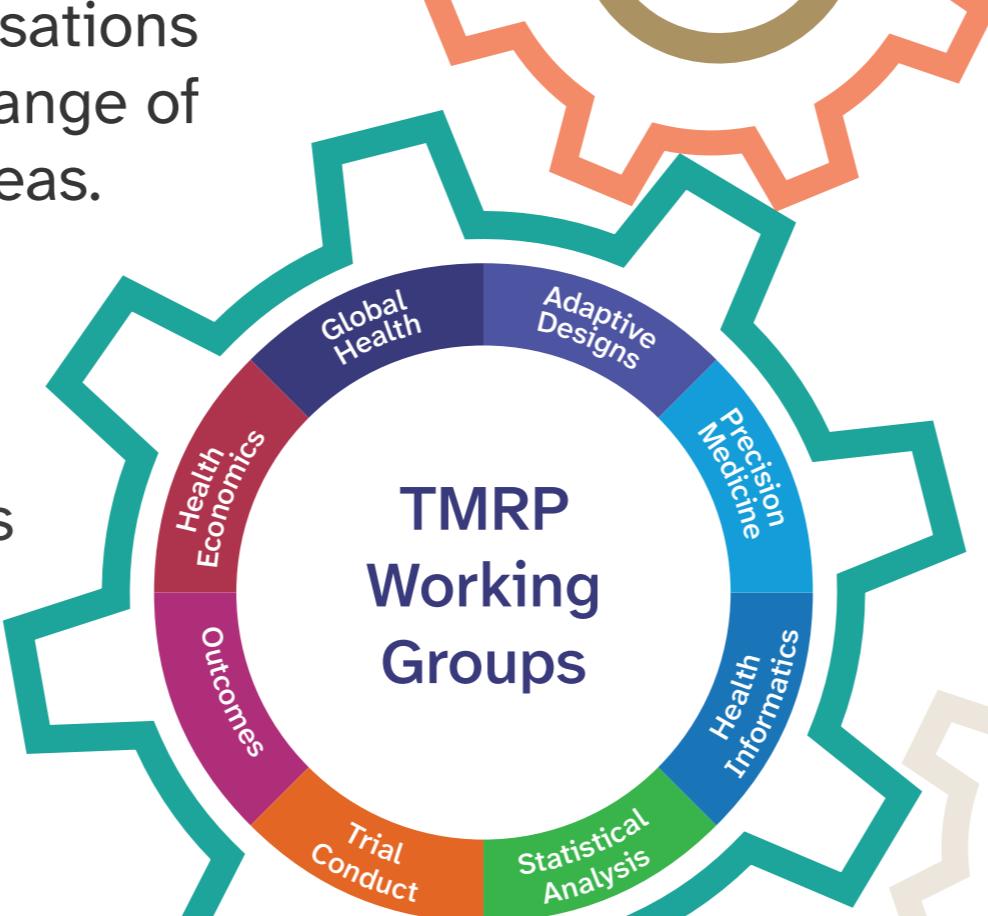


Working collaboratively

The MRC TMRP includes 6 partner organisations and 8 working groups. These focus on a range of health research and methods research areas.

Working groups are open to public partners. Activities include collaborative efforts to provide accessible information that supports public involvement methods research.

You can watch some examples including information about greener trials by scanning the QR code.



Sharing and discussing research and best practice

Flagship event - The International Clinical Trials Methodology Conference (ICTMC), brings together a diverse group of delegates, including the public.

Patient and public partners form part of the scientific committee, chair conference sessions, and actively disseminate research as presenters of oral and poster presentations. Bursaries are offered to support public attendance.

The conference has been awarded Patients Included™ status demonstrating the MRC TMRP's commitment to incorporating the experience of patients in trials methodology.



Promoting open science

The MRC TMRP supports collaboration and transparency in methods research through its commitment to open science.

An approach recognised in the inaugural MRC Open Science Impact Award, awarded to the Core Outcome Measures in Effectiveness Trials (COMET) team.

The COMET team includes public partners as co-chair and members of the COMET PoPPIE working group.



Image description - the COMET team on stage receiving the MRC Open Science Impact Prize. John Turner, COMET PoPPIE co-Chair and public partner is 4th from the left.



Do you want to know more about MRC TMRP and the ways in which public partners can be involved? Visit:
<https://www.methodologyhubs.mrc.ac.uk/about/tmrp/>

Scan the QR code to hear a 2 minute poster walk through, access co-produced animations, register for ICTMC, join a working group and more. Alternatively visit https://linktr.ee/MRC_TMRP