

Developing a Research Question (& Aims & Objectives)

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Use the following as a reminder of things to consider when refining your request question, aims and objectives.

Define the problem

In terms of scale, impact on person, carers, NHS, costs

Notes:

Need for evidence

What is the gap in the literature, what don't we know?

Notes:

What do we need to know?

How will this study bridge the gap in the evidence

Notes:

Who is calling for the evidence?

- [James Lind Alliance](#)
- [NICE research recommendations](#)

Notes:

Talk to colleagues

Is it a problem for others?

Notes:

- Talk to patients**
Is it a problem for them?

Notes:

- Define PICO**
If PICO is applicable to you

Notes:

- Patients**

Notes:

- Intervention**

Notes:

- Comparator**

Notes:

- Outcomes**

Notes:

What is your research question (ideally in a single sentence):