

## PEEPS - Project

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Things to consider when developing your research question.

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

Things to consider:

**Define the problem**

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

Notes:

**Who is calling for the evidence?**

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

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:

**Talk to others**

Is it a problem for your colleagues? Is it a problem for patients?

Notes:

**Outcome of research**

What is the scale of the problem? What are the consequences of the research?

Things to consider when developing your research plan.

- Broad design**  
Is your project qualitative or quantitative (or other)? Can you justify your choice?

*Notes:*

- Participant recruitment**  
Is your target sample size achievable?  
Who will collect/analyse the data? When? What methods?  
Does the data relate back to your aims and objectives?

*Notes:*

- Structuring the plan**  
Consider the following to help structure the plan:
- [Equator Network](#)
  - [Good Reports](#)

*Notes:*

- Dissemination**  
How will you disseminate your research?

*Notes:*

- Cost v. benefit**  
What are the benefits of the study? Do they justify the costs?

*Notes:*

### **NIHR assessment criteria for your project**

Does the abstract for your fellowship address the following NIHR assessment criteria:

- Relevance of research
- Suitability and standard of methodology and research design to answer the research question being proposed
- Likely impact of the research
- Appropriate and meaningful patient (service users), public and carer involvement
- Quality and scope of review of existing evidence
- Quality plain English summary
- The amount of support requested is justified and evidence based (i.e. value for money)