

Workshop Report
Patient and Public, Involvement and Engagement (PPIE) in
Health and Social Care: Its Role and Relevance in the
Research and Implementation Process

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Workshop Report

The workshop titled “Patient and Public, Involvement and Engagement (PPIE) in Health and Social Care: Its Role and Relevance in the Research and Implementation Process”, was held on the 22nd of July 2019 at the Clinical Medicine, Academic & Research Centre (ClinMARC) housed at the National Hospital of Sri Lanka (NHSL). It was conducted by the Institute for Research & Development in Health & Social Care (IRD) as part of the pre-congress workshop series organized by the Sri Lanka Medical Association (SLMA) for its 132nd Anniversary, International Medical Congress. This is the 2nd consecutive SLMA pre-congress workshop conducted by the IRD.

The main goal of the workshop was to introduce researchers, and other parties interested in the development of the research process within the nation, to the role and relevance of Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE) in the research and implementation process in Sri Lanka. In addition to this, the workshop served to further the first PPIE pre-congress workshop conducted by the IRD on the 25th of July 2018.

The resource persons included Prof. Diyanath Samarasinghe (Figure 1), Dr. Buddhika Fernando (Figure 2), Ms. Manouri Wimalasekera (Figure 3), Dr. Kaushalya Jayaweera (Figure 3), Dr. Duminda Guruge (Figure 4), Dr. Asiri Hewamalage (Figure 5), Ms. Krishani Jayasinghe (Figure 6) and lay community resource persons (Figure 7); who covered, as stated in the workshop agenda (Appendix 1), topics vital in communicating the role and relevance of PPIE in Sri Lanka, the considerations to be made when incorporating it, the embedding of PPIE in the research and implementation process, potential applications and future activities in establishing PPIE in Sri Lanka.



Figure 1. Prof. Diyanath Samarasinghe

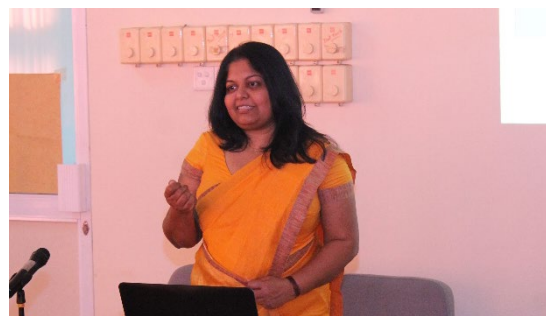


Figure 2. Dr. Buddhika Fernando



Figure 3. (Left to Right): Ms. Manouri Wimalasekara, Dr. Kaushalya Jayaweera.



Figure 4. Dr. Duminda Guruge



Figure 5. Dr. Asiri Hewamalage



Figure 6. Ms. Krishani Jayasinghe



Figure 7. Lay community resource persons

There were 33 attendees in total, representing 7 institution/organizations at the workshop as shown in Figure 5.

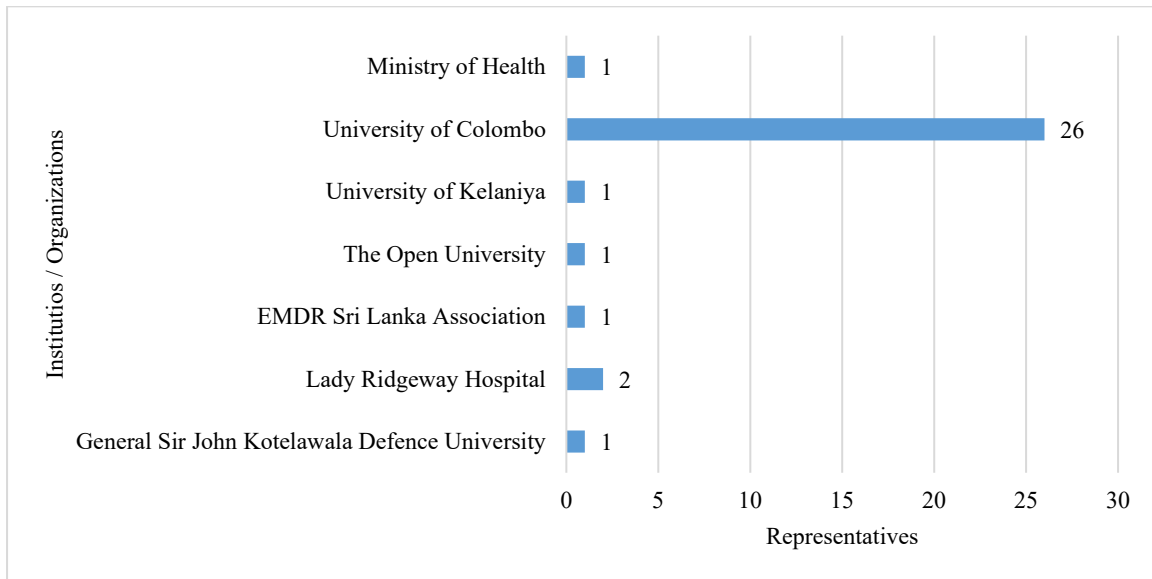


Figure 5: Number of representatives from each institution/organization, present at the workshop.

Justification

The Institute for Research and Development conducted the workshop upon a request from the SLMA. The aim of the workshop was to further the capacity of researchers, and other parties involved in research, to improve research design and relevance by incorporating PPIE.

Identifying the needs, and other important considerations that are not immediately visible, when conducting research which aspires to maintain high standards (especially in ethics), will be difficult if PPIE is not incorporated into research at all stages. This includes the processes of research design, execution and publication.

Thus, there being investigators, in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), who are sensitive to these concerns is vital in order to protect the public from poorly thought-out research, and the researcher from unknowingly compromising the integrity of their work; while also insuring that the research being conducted relevant and is of utility to those who are the focus of the study.

Conclusion

The workshop introduced those in attendance to the discourse on the role and relevance of PPIE, with regard to the research and implementation process of studies carried out in a low-and-middle-income country. The attendees were able to gain knowledge regarding the utility, effective use, and important considerations that must be made when employing public participation in improving research design, execution and publication.

The workshop proved to be an excellent opportunity for participants to network with investigators from other institutions and community support groups, share their experiences, express their concerns and engage in discussion (Figure 6). Further instances of productive interaction are presented through the figures in Appendix 2.



Figure 6. A participant engaging a resource person on the role and relevance of PPIE in health and social care research.

Appendices

Appendix 1

Workshop Agenda

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Resource Persons / Facilitators

Visiting	Institute for Research & Development in Health & Social Care
Prof. Diyanath Samarasinghe	Dr. Buddhika Fernando
Dr. Asiri Hewamalage	Dr. Kaushalya Jayaweera
Dr. Duminda Guruge	Ms. Manouri Wimalasekera
Lay Community Resource Persons	Ms. Krishani Jayasinghe

22nd July 2019
PPIE Workshop

All Interested
Individuals

Time	Session	Description	Resource Person / Facilitator
08.30 am		Registration	
08.50 am		Welcome	Dr. Abeysinghe
09.00 am	Introduction	What is PPIE?	Dr. Fernando
09.20 am	Presentation	Progress since the last pre-congress PPIE workshop	Dr. Jayaweera, Ms. Wimalasekera
09.40 am	Presentation	PPIE in Health Promotion (Sri Lankan experiences) & follow-up work since last SLMA workshop	Dr. Guruge, Lay Community Resource Persons
10.20 am		Tea Break	
10.40 am	Presentation	How to establish & sustain PPIE?	Dr. Hewamalage
11.10 am	Presentation	What is the added value of PPIE in research?	Ms. Jayasinghe
11.30 am	Discussion	What are the barriers & enablers of PPIE?	Small Groups
12.00 pm	Presentation	Thoughts for the future & potential applications	Prof. Samarasinghe
12.20 pm		Collection of Evaluation Forms	
12.30 pm		Conclusion	

Appendix 2



Figure 7. Small group discussions on the barriers & enablers of PPIE in health and social care research.



Figure 8. Small group discussion members presenting their views on the barriers & enablers of PPIE in health and social care research.