

How to find a study to get involved in



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Introduction

Despite the fact that £5 billion is spent on health research each year in the UK¹, it is hard to find a study that matches your interest. Here are some places to look, although this list is biased in favour of the compiler's interest in mental health. Please send improvements, additions and corrections to peter.bates96@outlook.com.

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- [Cochrane](#)
- [HDR UK](#)
- [McPin Foundation](#)
- [NIHR Oxford BRC](#)
- NIHR [People in Research](#)
- [NSUN](#)
- [Public Face newsletter](#)
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- [Voice Global](#)

Find and analyse data

- [International database of priority setting studies](#)
- [NIHR datasets](#)

Study participant

- [Be part of research](#)
- [Call for participants](#)
- [Join Dementia Research](#)
- [People for research](#)
- [Voice Global](#)

Talk to other practitioners

- Future NHS, Engagement Practitioner's Network, Public Involvement Opportunities
<https://future.nhs.uk/PPPnetwork/view?objectID=20388720>

Next steps

Several tasks present themselves, including:

1. Find a measure of the size of these listings, so that they can be ranked.
2. Build a Venn diagram to show the overlap between the listings, perhaps on a census day.

How this paper is being written

The investigation that generated this paper is driven by simple curiosity. The work is unfunded and is conducted as a piece of citizen science rather than under the control of any organisation.

Accountability is achieved by following the *How to write in public* framework². I am grateful to the people³ who have contributed to this evolving resource. Please send me your suggestions for further improvements.

¹ [Largest study of UK health research funding released today – UKRI](#)

² Bates P (2024) [How-to-write-in-public.pdf \(peterbates.org.uk\)](#).

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