



**National Institute for
Health Research**

Five-year Joint Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement Strategy (2012-2017)

The key premise of our strategy is to put the patient at the heart of our research.

The aims for the NIHR Moorfields BRC and CRF are:

- To optimise the alignment of our research to the needs of patients and those at risk of eye disease
- To involve patients and/or representatives from relevant public charitable bodies in every aspect of the work of our Centre
- To increase active involvement of patients and/or representatives from relevant charitable bodies in the design, management and reporting of all new clinical trials and other studies involving patients

The Objectives for the NIHR Moorfields BRC and CRF are:

1. To increase patient involvement and understanding of the pivotal role (and limitations) of experimental medicine research in helping to minimise and ultimately eradicate blinding eye diseases
2. To increase public and patient understanding of research techniques and the research pipeline in our ultimate goal of decreasing the incidence or impact of diseases that lead to blindness or reduced vision
3. To decrease the sense of isolation experienced by patients with blinding eye diseases by supporting events that promote communication of experience in clinical, surgical and research domains and help to promote empowerment of the patient in playing a part in driving change through research and appropriate representation on BRC committees
4. To train and support researchers and patients in working with each other to drive forward our research strategy
5. To work with, and draw on the experience of, external organisations involved in patient involvement and public engagement (including INVOLVE, the James Lind Alliance, RNIB, Action for Blind People and others) in the implementation of our research strategy