EPIC Participant Advisory Panel (EPAP)
A partnership between participants and researchers
REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL EPIC-NORFOLK PARTICIPANTS

- Consultation on future research activity: Future project review, Intervention studies - Wili, Family study, Review of collaboration requests.

- RESEARCH PLANNING
- ONGOING RESEARCH ACTIVITY

- Consultation on Ethics, Research & Development and Governance: 4HC / 5HC protocols, Statement contributions to ethics submissions, Response to Caldicott Guardian for access to Medical Records, Section 251 approval to access records, Access to excess clinical tissue, Responding to ethics review queries, Opinions on patient-opt out.
- Methods of promoting EPAP membership: Membership poster review, EPAP inclusions in newsletters, Attendance at events.

- EPIC website review: Development of Website promotional postcard, Frequently Asked Questions page, Overall content improvements, Individual page formats.

- QUESTIONING AND CHALLENGING RESEARCHERS
- RESULTS DISSEMINATION

- Holding researchers to account: Frequent questioning of research rationale and practices, Invited researchers to explain the use, analysis and results of data collected, Requested an explanation of research data-sharing processes, Wished to understand how EPIC-Norfolk fits into the wider research picture and objectives.
- Monitoring effective participant involvement in EPIC-Norfolk: The importance and justification of EPAP in EPIC-Norfolk, Review of EPAP constitution, Development of Terms of Reference (TOR), Completion of annual EPAP membership feedback form, Input into the direction of future participant involvement in EPIC-Norfolk.
- Input into improving strategies used for information feedback: Reviews of newsletters, Newsletter content from a participant perspective, Methods of promoting EPIC website.

- Hosting stands alongside researchers at public engagement events: Cambridge Science Festival, EPIC events: The Forum, Norwich, 3HC Research Seminar, Park Farm, Norfolk, EPIC 20th Anniversary Event, St Andrews Hall, Norwich.
- Input into public engagement activities: Delegates at National INVOLVE Conference, Science Festival Forum EPIC activity day.

- RAPPORT Study: EPAP members feedback on research.

"I enjoy putting myself into the shoes of others and thinking how they would read and understand something."