

RESEARCH PARTNERS SURVEY

Research partners involved in the current studies at the Centre for Trials Research (CTR) were asked about their experiences in an online survey in 2022. The main aim of the survey was to understand their training and networking needs. 32 research partners participated in the survey.

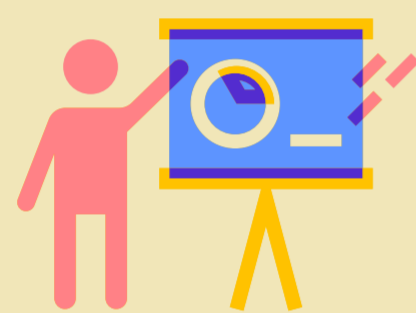
HIGHLIGHTS



- 52% of CTR research partners have received training related to public involvement or to their role
- 52% had previous experience of working in or being involved in research before becoming research partners
- 87% think it would be beneficial to connect with and get to know other research partners involved with the CTR

TRAINING NEEDS

Training needs rated in order of importance:



- An awareness of research partner role and expectations
- A knowledge of ethical and regulatory approvals
- An Introduction to Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement
- Training in communication skills and confidence building
- General research and methods design

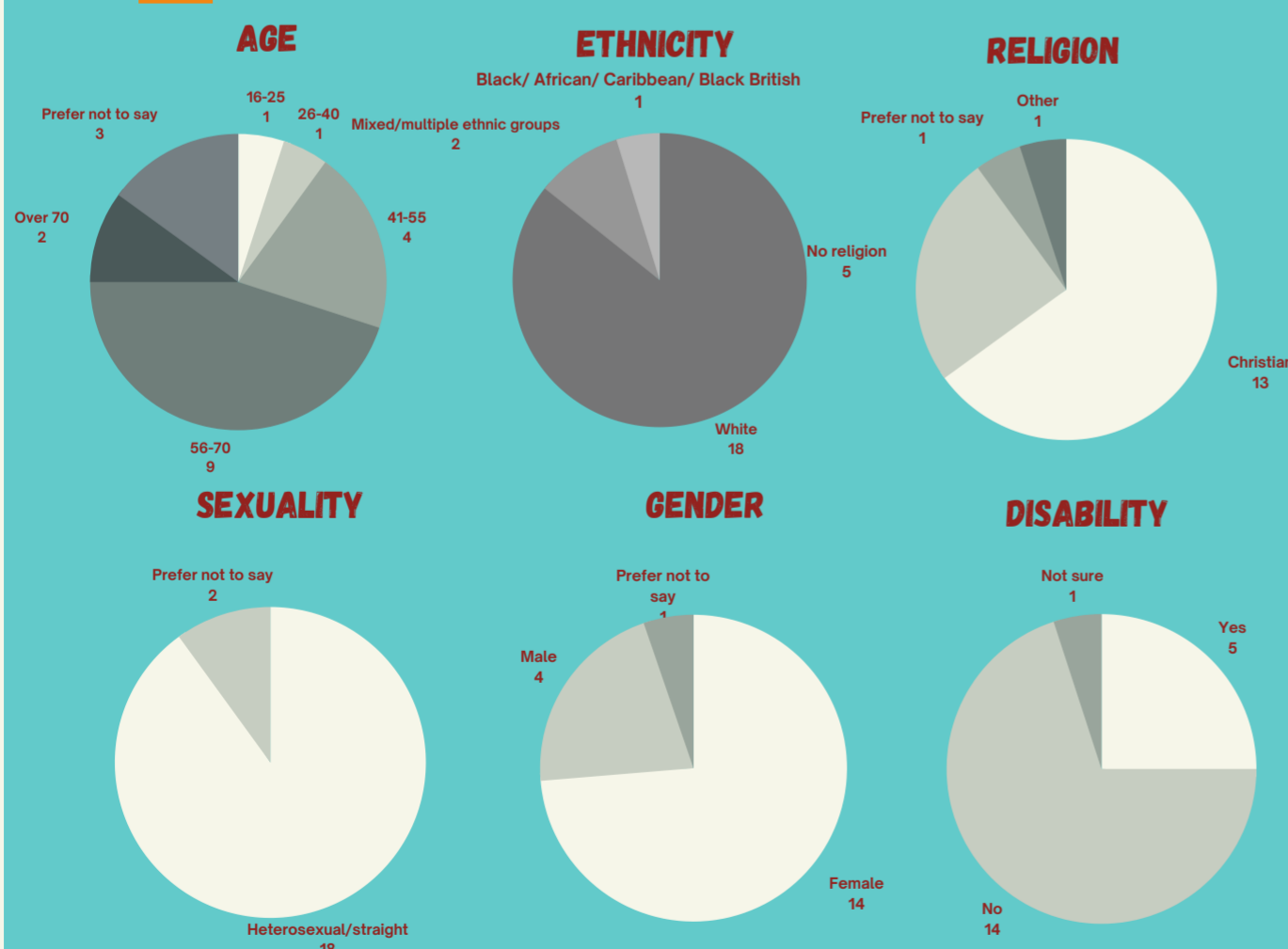
NETWORKING AND SUPPORT

Networking opportunities rated in order of importance:

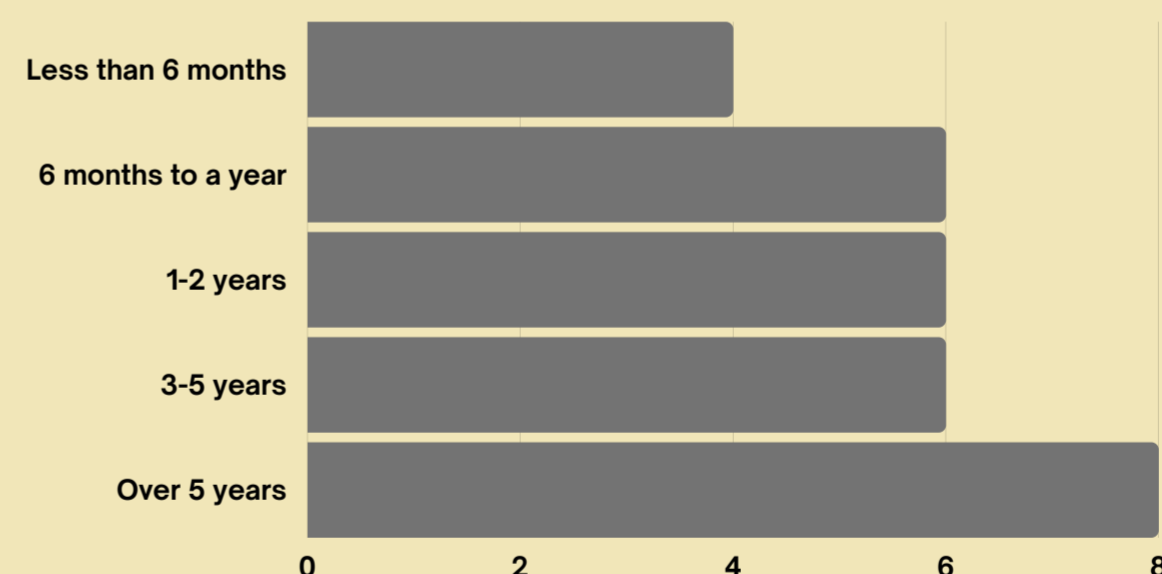


- A regular newsletter specific to research partners and public involvement in the CTR
- Regular CTR general newsletter
- Annual face to face event for research partners
- Annual online event for research partners

PARTICIPANT CHARACTERISTICS



LENGTH OF INVOLVEMENT



"The staff at the Centre as well as the study investigators have always been very welcoming at meetings and with communication, and have made my contribution felt valued I think that is the most important. For research partners to feel comfortable and their contribution valued."

"I received no training in research methodology, the ethics process, anything. I've had to learn to ask questions (...) or sit quietly. I have loved and valued my opportunities but I hope this changes things for future partners. (...) It would be helpful for partners to know who they direct their questions and queries to."

CTR HUB RECOMMENDATIONS

- To raise awareness of training courses available for research partners
- To further publicize the Guide for Research partners which clarifies the roles and expectations of CTR research partners
- To organize a face to face or online event to enable networking and to celebrate the CTR research partner community
- To create a CTR database of research partners subscribing to receive the monthly CTR newsletter
- To establish a newsletter specific to research partners and public involvement in the CTR
- To further diversify the research partner community within the CTR