

Patient and Public Engagement Workshop

Do you live in the East Midlands? Have you or someone you care for had surgery in the last 12 months?

Would you be like to help transform Elective Surgical Pathway (planned and non-emergency surgery before, during and aftercare)?

If yes, please register for this workshop with other patients and carers to share your experiences, views, and ideas.

We offer a £25 thank you payment.

The workshop will be held virtually using Microsoft Teams on Friday 23 February 2024 from 10am - 12pm.

To attend, please complete this [registration form](#).

Background

[Health Innovation East Midlands](#) brings together partners involved in health and care, including the NHS, social care and public health, patients, research, third sector and industry. We identify, test, and spread new technologies and better ways of working to improve health outcomes for patients.

‘Innovation Exchange’ is our approach to bringing together industry (where most innovations happen) and the NHS, to identify, select, and support the adoption of innovation in response to health system challenges.

We interact with companies regularly who have developed new and exciting innovations that aim to improve the surgical pathway to benefit both patients and organisations. This could include new technology to help patients to ‘wait well’ for their surgery, to help address waiting times, or devices to improve patient care and experience on the day of surgery.

We are keen to discover ‘problems to solve’ in this area to decide which of these innovations might be able to meet an identified need. The first step in this process is to ask local patients and carers who have experienced the surgical pathway about their opinions on what works well and what could be better.



Overview of this session

We are keen to hear your experiences and ideas on **all** aspects of the surgical pathway – what you think worked well and what could be improved including your:

- **Pre-operative experience** – this could be your experience before surgery and whilst on the surgical waiting list, or during your pre-op appointment.
- **Day of surgery** – this could be your experience before surgery, in transit to theatre, in theatre preparation, in the anaesthetic room, in theatre or in recovery.
- **Post-operative experience** – this could be your experience at discharge from hospital and during your recovery care at home.

Your experience can be of any type of elective (planned and non-emergency) surgery in any specialism including:

- **Day case** – where you are sent home the same day of your surgery.
- **Admission** – where you are admitted to a ward and stay for 1 or more nights following surgery.
- **Local anaesthetic procedure** – where you are awake during surgery.
- **General anaesthetic procedure** – where you are asleep during surgery.

We understand that you may have wider hospital experience, such as parking, staff attitude etc. Whilst we know this important, **the focus on this workshop is your surgery pathway experiences - before, during and after.**

What we do with your feedback

Your feedback is important and will be themed to produce 3 or 4 key ‘challenges’ in relation to surgery. These will help to inform an ‘Innovation Exchange’ event taking place in April 2024, where innovators who tackle one or more of the challenges will share their solutions to our local NHS organisations, with the ultimate aim of these innovations being trialled and/or used locally.

What you will need to participate

As the session will be held virtually, you will need to have access to a laptop, or other technology device with a camera and microphone to join the discussion.

If you have any questions before booking your place, please email Dawn Plummer on dawn.plummer@nottingham.ac.uk.

We look forward to hearing from you and thank you in advance for your interest and support in this work.