**Bristol’s Young People's Advisory Group (YPAG)**

**Information for researchers**

**What is YPAG?**

Bristol’s Young People’s Advisory Group, also known as ‘YPAG’, is made up of young people interested in contributing to health care research. [It was founded as part of a national initiative](https://generationr.org.uk/) by the [National Institute for Health and Care Research](https://www.nihr.ac.uk/) (NIHR). Members as young as 10 offer feedback and critically evaluate health care research designed for young people.

Our YPAG members get involved in all sorts of patient and public involvement/engagement (PPIE) activities. Here is a list of some of the things our members do:

* Review project documents and advise on how to make them young people-friendly
* Comment on research ideas and how relevant they are to young people’s lives
* Provide feedback on research findings/initial analysis
* Test out research methods
* Help plan how best to involve young people in research
* Help develop research summaries and other dissemination materials
* Test apps and websites
* Get involved in study specific advisory groups working with researchers over prolonged periods of time

Our YPAG members are important because they offer a unique young person’s point of view for researchers, research projects and research design. They are, after all, the experts on being a young person.

The group meets regularly. Meetings are usually held online via Zoom. They usually run between 5.30-6.30pm on weekday evenings. Occasionally meetings are also held in person. This is usually during the holidays or occasionally on Saturdays.

**Make a request**

If you would like to request a session or other help from our YPAG members, please contact YPAG’s co-ordinators Lucy Condon and Eva Roberts at the following address: YPAG-admin@bristol.ac.uk

We aim to reply to all queries within two weeks.