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Priority Setting Partnerships



## **A short guide to the Anaesthesia & Perioperative Care Partnership Final Workshop**

### **What is the workshop for?**

The aim of the workshop is to decide the top 10 questions for research into Anaesthesia & Perioperative Care. We call this priority setting. We will be working with a list of questions which initially came from the survey we carried out last year with patients and clinicians.

We hope that this will help researchers focus on finding answers to questions which will make the most difference to patients undergoing anaesthesia and perioperative care.

### **Who will be there?**

The people taking part will be representatives from our partner organisations. These people will be making decisions together about the research questions they think should be prioritised.

The meeting will be run by three facilitators: Leanne, Katherine and Sheela from the James Lind Alliance. Their job is to make sure that patients and healthcare professionals are included equally, listened to and have their say.

There will be a few people there who will watch the meeting, but won't be taking part in the discussions. Some of them are organising the meeting, and some are from an organisation that funds research.

### **What will happen?**

There will be an introduction at the start of the day to explain how the workshop will run, and to point out the facilitators and organisers.

You will then work in small groups to discuss 25 research questions. With help from one of the facilitators, you will decide together the order of importance of the questions.

The questions will be printed on cards, and the facilitator will lay them out on a table to help everyone put them into an order, from most important to least important.

There will be refreshment breaks in the morning and afternoon, as well as lunch.

### **What do I have to do?**

Talk about your opinions and experiences.

Everyone at the workshop will have different views and ideas, and they are all valid and important. Everyone will be encouraged to share their views, but also to listen to each other.

We want to know your personal views and experiences on which research questions which could make a difference.

Leanne, Katherine and Sheela are there to support you and will make sure you have a chance to have your say.

### **Do I need to do anything to prepare?**

A few days before the workshop, you will be sent a worksheet showing the 25 questions we will be discussing at the workshop. These came from the original survey and have been shortlisted by a voting process which took place with patients and health professionals in early 2015.

Please read through the list beforehand and decide which questions you think are really important for research, and which questions are less important, in your opinion.

Make a note of your choices on the sheet and bring it with you on the day.

### **What will happen to the top 10 once it is agreed?**

The top 10 most important questions for research will be published and reported widely, so that researchers and research funding organisations can consider what research projects can answer these.

All the questions generated by the survey (so not just the top 10) will be published on a publicly available database called The UK Database of Uncertainties about the Effects of Treatments ([UKDUETs](#)).