## Addressing inequalities in clinical trials



The lack of diversity of participants in clinical research has long been recognised as a significant challenge. National Voices undertook a consultation among its members and Lived Experience Partners to identify key barriers to diverse participation in clinical and research trials, and potential ways to address these.



**Barriers** to participation in clinical trials



Fear and mistrust. experience of racism, trials not designed inclusively



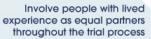
Failure to support additional communication needs: lack of outreach to raise awareness

Trials only available in certain places; lack of financial support; no support for carers





Recognise people as experts in their own conditions; diversify the workforce; provide feedback









and incentives

Be proactive in

making trials inclusive

Provide videos or audio versions; make sure

there's someone to call with any questions Engage in outreach through trusted community organisations - and pay them for their work



Explain what the research is all about and what support will be available

Build capacity in supporting inclusion and in working with people and communities



**Taking** 

action





Share power

and commit to

co-production





Provide support to cover the costs of participating, including transport, care and out of pocket expenses





