

PRIMER

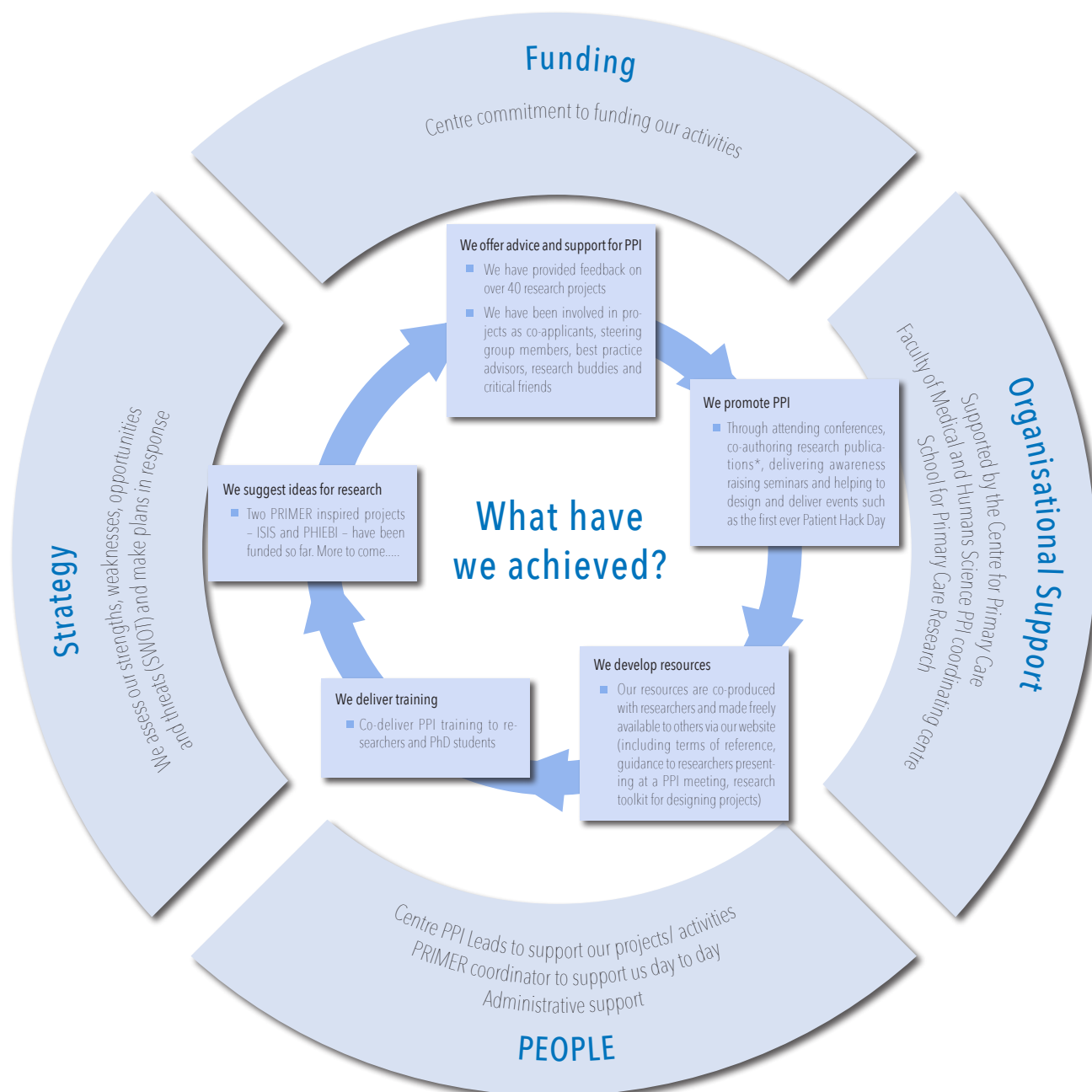
Primary care Research In Manchester Engagement Resource Patients, the public and researchers working together to improve primary care

What is PRIMER?

- PRIMER is a Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) group based at the Centre for Primary Care at The University of Manchester
- We are a group composed of patients, service users, carers and members of the public with a common interest in, and enthusiasm for, primary care research
- We started our work in 2009 and have two types of membership- attending and corresponding
 - Attending** members come along to meetings
 - Corresponding** members are part of a virtual group offering their input through email, post and telephone correspondence
- Chair and Vice Chair are elected by and from PRIMER members
- We are supported and funded by the Centre for Primary Care with whom we work in close partnership

What happens at a PRIMER meeting?

- We meet every 6-8 weeks
- We have two research presentation slots providing researchers with the opportunity to talk to us about their ideas for research
- Researchers are encouraged to come along before their grant application is submitted ensuring our views are heard when there is still opportunity to shape the direction of the research
- Prior to the meeting, researchers are asked to provide us with a plain English summary of their idea for a project: the aims of the project, why it is important, what it will entail (especially for participants), and a summary of the PPI strategy.
- Researchers present their ideas to us and we provide them with our feedback followed by open discussion
- We suggest ways to involve people and if appropriate we may get involved ourselves
- We receive an honorarium and travel expenses. To avoid lengthy waits for reimbursement, we are paid on the day



We love hearing from people interested in our work so do get in touch!

Visit our website: <http://www.population-health.manchester.ac.uk/primer/>

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