

# Developing partnerships to include diverse communities in our research

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Despite substantial awareness that certain groups (e.g. ethnic minorities) are under-represented and under-served in trials, limited progress has been made in addressing this.

**More proactivity is needed in involving under-served groups in research trials, a new paper shows.**



A paper recently published in *Trials* has shown that researchers need to take more proactive steps to ensure those from under-served groups are represented in research trials.

The study was led by researchers from the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) Applied Research Collaboration Greater Manchester (ARC-GM) and The University of Manchester, in collaboration with the developers of the INCLUDE Ethnicity Framework, [NIHR ARC – East Midlands](#) and the [Centre for Ethnic Health Research](#).

# Terms

- **Representation**
  - Samples recruited to studies are representative of the wider population
- **Diversity**
  - Either 'oversampling' or specific quotas
- **Alignment with burden**
  - Recruitment activity aligned with burden of disease

## Research Engagement Network Development

**Aim 1.** Co-produce improved approaches for creative engagement and communication in partnership with VCSE organisations to build trust with communities currently more excluded from research.

**Aim 2.** Develop an improved network wide system for monitoring and evaluating diverse and inclusive involvement and participation in research within specific areas and communities in our region where inequalities are most evident.







