**S2 APPENDIX:**

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| **Table 2: - Summary of interview topics covered** |
|  | **Researchers** | **PPI Contributors** |
| **Expectations** | Understanding of PPI | Previous experience of being a PPI contributor |
|  | Experience of including PPI in research | Expectations about what working on the current trial would be like |
|  | Goals or plans for PPI in current trial |  |
| **What happened?** | Stage of PPI implementation | How did they become involved in the trial? |
|  | Identifying and selecting PPI contributors | PPI contributor’s role |
|  | Roles of the PPI contributors | Relationship with research team |
|  | Overall experience of including PPI in the current trial |  |
| **Impact** | Perceived contributions of PPI | Differences made to the trial as a result of their input |
|  | Challenges of including PPI | Benefits to themselves of being involved |
|  |  | Challenges of being involved |
| **Training and support** | Training or support given to PPI contributors | Training or support for their role |
|  | PPI training received by researchers  | Views on PPI training for researchers |