## Supplementary File 3: PPI Recruitment Survey Results

### Table 3.1: PPI Recruitment Survey Results

| Variable                        | Total (N=20) | %   |
|---------------------------------|--------------|-----|
| **Age**                         |              |     |
| 25-44                           | 5            | 25  |
| 45-64                           | 9            | 45  |
| 65-84                           | 6            | 30  |
| **Gender [Female]**              |              |     |
| Female                          | 12           | 60  |
| Male                            | 8            | 40  |
| **Location**                    |              |     |
| Urban                           | 14           | 70  |
| Rural                           | 6            | 30  |
| **Healthcare cover**            |              |     |
| Full Medical Card               | 7            | 35  |
| GP Visit Card                   | 1            | 5   |
| Private Health Insurance        | 13           | 65  |
| **Nationality and Ethnicity**   |              |     |
| White Irish                     | 20           | 100 |
| **Education**                   |              |     |
| Junior Certificate/ Intercert   | 1            | 5.3 |
| Apprenticeship                  | 3            | 15.8|
| Leaving Certificate             | 5            | 26.3|
| Diploma                         | 2            | 10.5|
| Undergraduate Degree            | 4            | 21.1|
| Masters Degree                  | 2            | 10.5|
| Doctorate                       | 2            | 10.5|
| **Marital status**              |              |     |
| Single                          | 2            | 10.5|
| Married                         | 14           | 73.7|
| Separated                       | 1            | 5.3 |
| Widowed                         | 2            | 10.5|
| **Diabetes**                    |              |     |
| Type 1                          | 10           | 50  |
| Type 2                          | 9            | 45  |
| No diabetes                     | 1            | 5   |
| **Diabetes diagnosis**          |              |     |
| < 12 months                     | 4            | 21.1|
| 1-5 years                       | 8            | 42.1|
| 5-10 years                      | 1            | 5.3 |
| 10+ years                       | 6            | 31.6|
| **Research Experience**         |              |     |
| Previous participation in research | 6       | 30  |
| Previous involvement in research | 3           | 15  |
| **Diabetes support and education experience** |          | |
| Previous attendance at diabetes support group | 16 | 80 |
| Previous attendance at diabetes education session | 9 | 45 |
| **Diabetic Retinopathy Screening** |          |   |
| Familiar with term ‘diabetic retinopathy screening’ | 19 | 95 |
| Attended diabetic retinopathy screening* | 18 | 94.7 |
| Attended screening at hospital** | 3 | 16.7 |
| Attended screening at RetinaScreen provider** | 11 | 61.1 |
| Attended screening at local optician** | 4 | 22.2 |
| Other health conditions                                      |    |    |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|----|----|
| Heart Disease                                               | 7  | 35 |
| Asthma                                                       | 2  | 10 |
| Arthritis                                                    | 4  | 20 |
| Any emotional or psychiatric problems (such as depression or anxiety) | 2  | 10 |
| Stomach ulcers                                               | 1  | 5  |

| Attitude to medical appointments                            |    |    |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|----|----|
| I always attend                                              | 20 | 100|

*N=19

**N=18