

Charity	Types of research information written for a lay audience					Who writes lay summaries		Do you have guidance on writing lay summaries
	Grant applications ¹	Funded research	Publications and research news		Open clinical trials	Researcher	Charity staff	
			Charity funded	Funded by others				
Action on Hearing Loss	●	●	●	○	● ²	○	●	○ ³
Age UK	●	●	●	●	○	○	●	● ⁴
Alzheimer's Research UK	●	●	○	○	● ²	●	●	○ ³
Alzheimer's Society	●	●	●	●	●	○	●	○ ³
Arthritis Research UK	●	●	○	●	●	○	●	●
Association for International Cancer Research	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Association for Spina Bifida and Hydroencephalus	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	●
Ataxia-Telangiectasia Society	●	●	●	●	●	○	●	●
Ataxia UK	●	●	●	●	●	○	●	●
Brain Research Trust	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	●
Breakthrough Breast Cancer	●	●	●	●	● ²	○	●	●
Breast Cancer Campaign	●	●	○	●	●	○	●	● ⁵
British Heart Foundation	●	●	●	●	●	○	●	○
British Liver Trust	●	●	●	●	● ²	●	●	●
British Lung Foundation	●	●	●	●	●	○	●	○
Bupa Foundation	●	●	○ ⁶	●	●	●	●	●
Children with Cancer	●	●	○	●	●	○	●	●
Chronic Granulomatous Disorder	●	●	●	●	○	●	●	●

¹ All charities interviewed request a lay summary as part of their grant application process. Where 'No' is indicated in the table, this means lay people are not involved in reviewing summaries during the grant application process.

² Provides links to external sources of information about clinical trials.

³ Brief instructions on grant application form or in accompanying notes

⁴ Charity has organised a workshop for funded PhD students on communicating with lay audiences

⁵ use a media questionnaire to capture info in lay terms

⁶ Hold seminars on published research and invite patient groups where relevant

Research Trust								
CORE	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	● ⁷
Diabetes UK	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	● ⁷
Epilepsy Research UK	●	●	●	●	● ²	●	●	●
Fight for Sight	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	● ³
Huntington's Disease Association	●	●	●	●	● ²	● ⁸	●	●
INSPIRE	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Kidney Research UK	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Kids Kidney Research	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	● ⁹
Meningitis Research Foundation	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Motor Neurone Disease Association	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	● ³
National Osteoporosis Society	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Neuro-disability Research Trust	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Parkinson's UK	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Pharmacy Practice Research Trust	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	● ³
Prostate Action	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Prostate Cancer Charity	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Royal College of Surgeons of England	●	● ¹⁰	●	●	●	●	●	● ³
Samantha Dickson Brain Tumour Trust	●	●	●	●	● ²	●	●	●
Southwest Thames Kidney Fund	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	● ³
Tenovus	●	● ¹¹	●	●	●	●	●	● ⁴
The Healing Foundation	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

























⁷ Use headings or questions on grant application form

⁸ Charity is one of main funders of HDBuzz. Key opinion leaders in the field communicate about latest research in lay language, using video and disseminating via Youtube, Facebook, Twitter. Linked from charity's website




⁹ piloting teenagers making YouTube videos about research as part of Duke of Edinburgh award volunteering module

¹⁰ Hold research evenings where researchers present to current and potential donors

¹¹ Charity asks researchers to summarise findings at end of project using social-media friendly method

The Migraine Trust								
WellChild								
Wellcome Trust						 ¹²		

Key

-  Yes
-  No
-  Some

¹² Researchers are increasingly using the Wellcome blog to write summaries of their research for lay audiences