

Things to comment on in a lay review:

- **LAY language** – that is, no technical, medical, clinical or other jargon, buzz-words, abbreviations or TLAs (three-letter acronyms)
- **PLAIN ENGLISH** – this is not just about the actual words used, but also the flow of the piece, the length of the sentences, the short paragraphs, bullet points – all of the tricks that can be used to make a piece of writing easier to read and understand.
- **IMPORTANCE of the research** – is it necessary? Do you think it will make a big difference? Who to? How?
- **IMPACT of taking part on patients** – can you see how patients might be recruited to be a subject in this trial? What sort of burden do you think they will have, and is there anything that can mitigate that? (Obviously there may not be any people recruited to the trial – e.g. systematic reviews).
- **IMPACT of the research on the people it is looking to help.** Do you think that the results of this trial will make a substantial difference to them? Could it be bigger? Does it feel value for money (in the sense that three years of research will go on to make life better for only three people, or a whole group?).
- **INVOLVEMENT of patients/public in the research** – were they consulted when this idea was generated? Have they been involved in reading draft plans? Will they be involved during the research as it takes place? Do they need to be? Where could they be? What would that look like?
- **Things you would like to see changed/removed/updated etc and suggestions for making the research better.**