

### **Additional file 3. Semistructured Questions Guide**

- What strengths do you identified regarding the use of online digital platforms for PPI in dementia research (e.g., platforms like Zoom, Teams, GoToMeeting)?
- Do you have the necessary equipment for the meetings?
- Do you struggle using the equipment or the online platforms?
- Do you feel these platforms are user-friendly?
- Do you prefer online or face-to-face meetings regarding PPI in dementia research?
- How confident do you feel using these technologies for PPI in dementia research?
- Do you feel included or involved in the discussion or is it less engaging or inclusive?
- How safe do you feel using the technologies for engaging in dementia research?
- How supported do you feel using online approach? Do you feel supported by the people hosting the meetings?
- Do you require any additional support by others (e.g., caregivers)?
- How emotional support could be managed during online PPI in dementia research? Or how do you feel about that and how do you think this must be managed?
- Have you been able to do more PPI, or has it been the same?