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Public Face shares news about patient and public involvement (PPI) activities in health and social care and in research across 690 stakeholders in the East Midlands. It contains snippets of news to help you find out more and get involved. Sign up at <http://goo.gl/Hx0Im2> to register for this bulletin or email zenn.athar@nottingham.ac.uk to contribute material, comment on items or unsubscribe. There's also a volunteering Vacancy Board at <http://goo.gl/lkMSlv> and an involvement Events Calendar at <http://goo.gl/YhVXSm>.

- 35.1. **Involvement opportunities:** Lay member wanted for a study into the role of PPI in commissioning <http://goo.gl/m9g4NY>.
- 35.2. Type your postcode into the box at <http://goo.gl/6hmHXw> to find out how your local **Accident and Emergency** unit is coping with demand.
- 35.3. **Better Care Together** is a five-year plan to transform health and social care in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. Find out more at <http://bit.ly/1z0s4W0> and see their request for public contributors to join in at <http://goo.gl/ql4xgV>.
- 35.4. **Northamptonshire** libraries have just won an award for helping people turn their ideas into businesses - see <http://goo.gl/7N7CMx>
- 35.5. Health and Wellbeing Boards are required to produce and publish a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment by April 2015. If you live in **Derbyshire**, please respond to the survey at <http://goo.gl/YpT6HU>
- 35.6. See information about Patient Research Ambassadors at <http://goo.gl/l7zMmn>. If you are one, or know someone who is, please contact zenn.athar@nottingham.ac.uk

- 35.7. Help launch a support group for people with diabetes living in Rushcliffe – more at <http://goo.gl/QknjWd>
- 35.8. If you missed the excellent presentation by Karen Rockell and Rebecca Pritchard on 5 November, you can catch up at <http://goo.gl/YnAZza>.
- 35.9. Our colleagues at Involvement have been reflecting on how we can connect to seldom heard groups – details at <http://goo.gl/Snlen3>.
- 35.10. Suggest how Nottinghamshire County Council spends its money by completing the survey at <http://goo.gl/8ltzYA> before 15/1/15.
- 35.11. **International.** Compare how healthcare ideas get taken up in 8 countries here (<http://goo.gl/4Bjl4L>). Also, note that Frans Timmermans is the new Commissioner for Better Regulation at the European Union. He recently stated (<http://goo.gl/1kTcb2>) that he will “encourage fellow Commissioners to undertake public consultations wherever appropriate.” Fancy attending a European conference on strengthening patient collaboration in Paris? Bursaries available via <http://goo.gl/khMcmp>.
- 35.12. The minutes of the AHSN Board are available at <http://goo.gl/76AUYH>.
- 35.13. See slides from Simon Denegri’s speech about the future of involvement in health research at <http://goo.gl/UWnpNN>.
- 35.14. Please get your favourite charity or voluntary organisation to complete this survey at <http://goo.gl/zkBGc0>.
- 35.15. **Care Act.** During the summer, over 4,000 people responded to a consultation about the implementation of the Care Act 2014. Read what people said and the Government’s response at <http://goo.gl/yBVJ6b>.
- 35.16. From April 2015, care and support workers will be exempt from class 1 National Insurance Contributions - <http://goo.gl/lv1zfQ>.
- 35.17. Standards for involvement are set out at <http://goo.gl/1lKtjB>. Another organisation are consulting on their version, so please respond to their survey before 5/1/15 at <http://goo.gl/FZCSEp>.
- 35.18. Parkinson’s UK have transformed their approach to involvement – see <http://goo.gl/zKjoSo>.
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