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Thank you for every effort you have made to improve health and social care services in 2014. May we wish you a splendid Christmas and a joyful new year.

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/YO5My8> 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>.

- 36.1. There are just a few days left to apply for a **PPI Groups Award** – up to £1500 to keep your involvement group going or start a new one. More See more details at <http://goo.gl/PjOqFg> and apply by 31 Dec 2014.
- 36.2. **NHS England** has published its action plan for 2015/16. Amongst other things it will focus on diabetes and promote personal budgets and volunteering. See <http://bit.ly/1E1MOKA>.
- 36.3. Advice on how to manage **conflicts of interest** at <http://bit.ly/1Ctk9Ap>.
- 36.4. Can you help Involvement (<http://goo.gl/7Yc7ll>) find **patient participation groups** in GP surgeries? Please complete the survey here <http://goo.gl/6QsZuj>, by 31/12/14.
- 36.5. Respond to this consultation on **e-cigarettes** at <http://goo.gl/OgP2jG>. Some other open consultations are listed at <http://goo.gl/1F5Clg>.

- 36.6. A free 3-day course is being offered for people who want to start working in **adult social care**. It runs on 9, 12 and 13 Jan 2015 in Gainsborough. See <http://goo.gl/GRbbij>.
- 36.7. NHS England has launched the '[Realising the Value Programme](#)' which will grant up to **£500,000** to not for profit organisations to help identify evidence-based approaches to self-care. Deadline coming up soon.
- 36.8. **Commissioning** arrangements for primary care are changing from 1 April 2015 – see <http://goo.gl/zNAWNB>.
- 36.9. A recent national patient survey found that satisfaction with community **mental health** services has increased from 70% in 2012/13 to 73% in 2013/14. Over the same period, staff satisfaction with the quality of work and patient care they are able to offer increased from 74% to 76%. More at <http://goo.gl/WmSd2Z>.
- 36.10. See NICE guidance and advice on **community engagement** at <http://goo.gl/TU4ywr> and on **shared decision making** in clinical care at <http://goo.gl/139ezl>.
- 36.11. See what the public think of **health research** at <http://goo.gl/tqIS8g>. Most people are willing to take part – see <http://goo.gl/rq381R>. Watch some short films about getting involved in health research at <http://goo.gl/YJVq8M>.
- 36.12. A **Carer's** information pack is available at <http://goo.gl/Hg7BhV>
- 36.13. Patients don't want doctors to know everything – <http://goo.gl/dBhpXU>.
- 36.14. See the Report of the Burstow Commission on the future of the home care workforce at <http://goo.gl/B8YDj0>.
- 36.15. Advice on how health and social care organisations can meet their obligations under the **Human Rights Act** is at <http://bit.ly/1BgzRBf>
- 36.16. Cochrane Library publisher, John Wiley & Sons, Ltd, is taking part in patientACCESS (<http://goo.gl/dT8Otq>), an initiative that provides patients and their caregivers with low-cost access to peer-reviewed research articles.
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36.17. See a short video explaining the Care Act at <http://goo.gl/TLWznA>.

