



## Bulletin

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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](mailto: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>.

- 37.1. We are delighted to announce that the East Midlands Academic Health Science Network has appointed Shahnaz Aziz as its Patient Public Leadership Programme Lead, who will start with us on 2/2/15. Shahnaz will continue to develop and lead the Patient Public Leadership programme of work to help identify, spread and adopt innovative practices within this field both within EMAHSN and across partner organisations; ensuring that patients and the public play a lead role in the key decisions that will improve health across our region. Shahnaz said: "I am passionate about the NHS and the delivery of excellent services informed by the experience and views of patients and people from all communities. I am really excited about joining the East Midlands Academic Health Science Network and bringing my experience and expertise to the Patient Public Leadership Programme Lead role." I am sure you will join me in welcoming Shahnaz. Peter Bates will continue to work alongside Shahnaz as she familiarises herself with the role.
- 37.2. Purdah. In the six weeks coming up to the General Election on 7/5/15, public sector organisations need to take special care not to influence the outcome. As a result, NHS and local authority organisations will not invite politicians to events or quote them in publicity.

- 37.3. Healthwatch news: Lincolnshire is seeking volunteers (contact [Annette.atkinson@healthwatchlincolnshire.co.uk](mailto:Annette.atkinson@healthwatchlincolnshire.co.uk)) and Derbyshire seeks Board members ( <http://goo.gl/spvNNt>).
- 37.4. *Insight* magazine (see it at <http://goo.gl/vE74ME>) is looking for writers. Find out how to contribute at <http://goo.gl/eBYDkb>.
- 37.5. Derbyshire has a new plan to combat suicide. See <http://goo.gl/KgnTfw>.
- 37.6. Do you have a long term health condition or care for someone who does? Please fill in the survey at <http://goo.gl/IGFJ4a> by 16/1/15.
- 37.7. Apply for a place or to find out more about the equality and engagement conference on 5/2/15 by contacting [sally.marks@nuh.nhs.uk](mailto:sally.marks@nuh.nhs.uk).
- 37.8. The EUPATI Expert Training Course offers training to patients on medicines research and development. Find out more at <http://goo.gl/Qf1n8o> and apply after 19/1/15.
- 37.9. A two-day course called '*Turning Research Ideas into Proposals*' will help you develop your general idea into a credible bid. It takes place in Leicester on 9 and 10 February 2015 - apply at <http://goo.gl/FC7xhs>.
- 37.10. Macmillan has a variety of publicly accessible courses on offer, including one on user involvement – see <http://goo.gl/d9DhP8>.
- 37.11. The Public Administration Select Committee is calling for evidence about NHS Complaints and Clinical Failure –comment at <http://goo.gl/4NzGPx>.
- 37.12. The NHS Leadership Academy is seeking public contributors to sit on a panel. <http://goo.gl/rHDIsl>. £150 plus expenses per day will be offered, in line with their payments policy (<http://goo.gl/MdkEx6>).
- 37.13. The national Fast-R patient group has provided a lay review for over 100 research proposals. See more at <http://goo.gl/Qau4sz>.
- 37.14. More help will be available in the East Midlands to help people with mental health issues get back to paid work. See <http://goo.gl/AP3Skw>.
- 37.15. The NHS England Patients in Control project is offering free workshops – see <http://goo.gl/uGufHa>.
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