



## 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 673 stakeholders in the East Midlands. It contains snippets of news to help you find out more and get involved. Blue underlined text contains a hyperlink. Sign up [here](#) or email [here](#) to contribute material, comment on items or unsubscribe. There's also a volunteering [Vacancy Board](#) and an involvement [Events Calendar](#) to check out.

- 26.1. [Patient Stories](#) is a press campaign run by [CRN](#). They seek press stories and more than 30 people identified as patient press ambassadors.
- 26.2. **Money** - NIHR have released new [guidance](#) on participation payments for recipients of state benefits. Meanwhile, [politicians](#) are discussing cutting benefits to people with mental health issues who refuse treatment while [researchers](#) have paid people to undergo treatment.
- 26.3. **Do you have an idea for changing mental health care?** NIHR MindTech Healthcare Technology Cooperative is aiming to bring together patients, health care professionals, researchers and industry to begin positive conversations about new products and services. See the [Medilink website](#) for more information or contact [Lucy Simons](#).
- 26.4. Thinking about involvement. '[Patient Activation](#)' means we work in partnership with health professionals to manage our own health. More [here](#). The Guardian newspaper has run an article that lists the most important components of involvement [here](#). The [Public Participation Spectrum](#) is a helpful way to think about different levels of involvement.
- 26.5. Read about Public Health England's partnership work [here](#).

- 26.6. The University of Derby is looking for **Midwives** (students, practising, retired) to be part of up to 10 creative workshops exploring their experiences of supporting and witnessing birth. Find out more [here](#).
- 26.7. Health information. New videos explaining epilepsy can be viewed [here](#). This [report](#) shows that only 57% of adults in the UK understand basic health information that is given to them in writing. Scientists have [compared](#) health related entries on Wikipedia to peer-reviewed medical research and found errors in 9 out of 10 cases.
- 26.8. Watch some young **disabled people** describe their achievements [here](#).
- 26.9. We know the NHS should place patients at the heart of everything they do. It's true for the **pharmaceutical** industry too. [Here's](#) why.
- 26.10. [NIHR](#) has published a range of journals [here](#). They have also engaged more than 3 million people in health research studies - details [here](#).
- 26.11. Guides on involvement are available - for **Clinical Commissioning Groups** [here](#), for engaging **young people** in research [here](#) and on how to chair a meeting [here](#).
- 26.12. Find out about public involvement down south - [Patient Voice South](#) provides some interesting perspectives and CLAHRC West continues to invite the public to submit ideas for research – see [here](#).
- 26.13. Beat are setting up face-to-face support groups for adults in the East Midlands affected by **emotional overeating issues**. Details [here](#).
- 26.14. NHS England have created [A guide to understanding the new NHS](#).
- 26.15. Mencap has launched the [Hear My Voice](#) campaign to encourage people with learning disabilities to engage politically.
- 26.16. The Government wants to hear your views on the [Care Act 2014](#) (there's a summary of the Act [here](#)) and on changes to the [Mental Health Act \(1983\) Code of Practice](#).
- 26.17. New guidance has been published [here](#) on the roll out of the Friends and Family test to more parts of the NHS.
- 26.18. People with depression who refuse treatment may [lose their benefits](#), under proposed changes to the benefits system.
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