



## 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 680 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.

- 29.1. **Training for involvement in research.** Please book into a free training programme for members of the public, on the afternoon of 8th October all day on 23rd October at the Leicester Diabetes Centre. This course is open to anyone who would like to know more about how health research is conducted and to get involved in working with researchers to improve the research that is done. Whether you have experience of being involved in research or not, you would be most welcome. The programme will provide you with a good overview of how research works. It will also offer lots of guidance on how to review and comment on research proposals. It is relevant to all topics of health research.

The course has been funded by the EMAHSN and developed by the Nottingham Hearing Biomedical Research Unit working in collaboration with public representatives and local and regional research organisations. We have already delivered the training programme in Nottingham, with excellent feedback. See this flyer for more details. The programme will be delivered with an emphasis on 'learning by doing', in a friendly, informal environment. Please contact [Adele Horobin](#) or [Paula Wray](#) for more details and to book in.

- 29.2. Knee Osteoarthritis volunteers wanted - details [here](#).

- 29.3. The next East Midlands REPP meeting will take place in Loughborough on 5<sup>th</sup> November. This event brings together patients, the public and researchers to explore how research can be improved by working together. It's a free event with lunch and we can reimburse travel costs. It will run from 10am to 3pm with a mix of presentations and discussion. Book in by emailing [Zenn.Athar@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:Zenn.Athar@nottingham.ac.uk)
- 29.4. A consultation event for people with dementia and their carers is being held in Nottingham on 14<sup>th</sup> November. Details [here](#).
- 29.5. The NHS England Local Area Teams are being restructured. One team will cover Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire. Another team will cover Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Shropshire and Staffordshire.
- 29.6. Are you a Patient Research Ambassador in the East Midlands? Please get in touch with us [here](#). Details of the scheme are [here](#), with advice on setting up a scheme [here](#) and some slides explaining the scheme [here](#).
- 29.7. [Involvement](#) is recruiting public members to help create a tool for commissioners to reach seldom-heard groups. Find out more [here](#).
- 29.8. Interested in how interactive technology and games can change health and social care? Check out the [i <tag>](#) Conference on 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> October.
- 29.9. The [East Midlands Sarcoma Service](#) invites you to their conference on 'Listening to patient views on sarcoma treatment and research' check out the leaflet [here](#) and find out more by contacting [Paul Robson](#).
- 29.10. The government is planning to keep most people waiting for 7 days before they can claim Universal Credit, instead of the current 3 days. Respond to a consultation on this before 17 October – details [here](#).
- 29.11. [Healthwatch Derbyshire](#) are now recruiting volunteers to enter and view local health and social care services. Find out more [here](#).
- 29.12. [Horizon Digital Economy Research](#) & [NUH](#) are looking for individuals to describe their experiences of finding their way round Nottingham hospitals. Interviews last 30mins. Contact [Dr. Nancy Hughes](#).
- 29.13. Free public lectures on kidney disease [kidney disease](#) and [lifestyle](#).
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