



## 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.

- 31.1. **Derby Hospitals** NHS Foundation Trust Research and Development Department are holding a public event to get feedback on the development of a new research website. Monday 17th November, from 6pm to 7:30pm in Teaching Room 4, Education Centre – Entrance 15 opposite Car Park 4. Click [here](#) to view a map.
- 31.2. **Safety.** A new national initiative will see the East Midlands form a Patient Safety Collaborative to reduce harm in healthcare. See an example of innovation [here](#). Or join a patient group to help with a [root cause analysis](#) of pressure ulcers - contact [Zenn Athar](#)
- 31.3. **Primary Care.** Find out more about a study looking into the 'fit note' that is replacing the old 'sick note' issued by family doctors [here](#). The Clinical Research Network has released a document [here](#) on patient and public involvement in primary care research. Primary Care will soon start to use the Friends and Family Test – details [here](#).
- 31.4. **Nottingham.** Help [Nottingham City CCG](#) to redesign its website by attending a 2 hour workshop. Contact [chris.hughes10@nhs.net](mailto:chris.hughes10@nhs.net) for details. Refreshments will be available and reasonable travel expenses will be covered. Or respond to consultations on [advocacy services](#) and the [Council budget](#).

- 31.5. **The government** has made Rob Wilson [Minister for Civil Society](#).
- 31.6. **Communities.** The [Accessible Britain Challenge](#) asks communities to become more accessible and inclusive for disabled people. See the new Marmot indicators for your local authority [here](#) – they give information about the social factors that determine the health of the population.
- 31.7. **Conferences.** One senior medic has refused to attend healthcare conferences that exclude patients – see [here](#). The [Future of Health](#) conference is looking for involvement from people with experience of long-term conditions, whether patients or carers - find out more [here](#).
- 31.8. **Diabetes.** Find out more about [Help DiaBEATes](#), a new campaign to encourage people with diabetes to get involved in research.
- 31.9. **Cancer.** Over 70,000 cancer patients responded to the fourth national cancer patient experience survey. Results are published [here](#).
- 31.10. In response to patient feedback, the East Midlands Ambulance Service have revised their plans regarding the proposed [super-hubs](#).
- 31.11. **Hard Truths.** The Department of Health is preparing its first yearly report on putting patients first. They want to hear from staff, patients and carers about what the 'Hard Truths' are. Find out more and get involved [here](#).
- 31.12. **Europe.** The European Commission's [Rights and Equality and Citizenship Programme 2014-2020](#) will spend 439 million Euros.
- 31.13. **Find out more about public involvement.** See the public involvement section of the Testing Treatments website - [here](#). Or read a blog about Patient Opinion [here](#). Check out this systematic review of [Patient engagement in research](#) and some examples [here](#). Or look at these [five tips on how the NHS can engage patients and the public](#). Guidance on how to become a charity trustee is available [here](#).
- 31.14. **Smartphone app.** Southern Health NHS Trust has launched a new app to collect patient's views. See it [here](#).
- 31.15. **Jobs:** Bristol, Associate Professor of Patient and Public Involvement, £47k+, apply [here](#) by 10/11/14.
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