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*Public Face* shares news about patient and public involvement (PPI) activities in health and social care and in research across 700 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.

- 33.1. As mentioned in Public Face 32, you can apply for money to run your involvement group. Claim the **PPI Group Award** [here](#) by 31 Dec 2014.
- 33.2. The Hearing Biomedical Research Unit has won an award for the way it [responds](#) to people with hearing difficulties. An example to us all!
- 33.3. On 28 November, the Government announced the Realising the Value award, all about empowering communities. Voluntary organisations need to attend a meeting in London on 8 December, submit an application by 9 Jan, be interviewed on 20 Jan, start in Feb and complete £500,000 worth of work within 16 months. Details [here](#). A collection of essays [here](#) discuss the future of the voluntary sector.
- 33.4. Join a new patient advisory group for people affected by non-cystic fibrosis bronchiectasis. It will help to shape research priorities, clinical guidelines and a website. Contact [Sarah.Masefield@europeanlung.org](mailto:Sarah.Masefield@europeanlung.org).
- 33.5. The Government is consulting on [language controls for health care professionals](#) so please contribute by 15/12/14. Proposed standards for congenital heart services are available in Polish, Punjabi, Hindi, Gujarati, Urdu and Tamil [here](#).
- 33.6. Do you have an **idea** for a research topic? Tell the funders [here](#).

- 33.7. Respond to the government's consultation on **autism** [here](#) by 19/12/14.
- 33.8. Respond to a consultation on **infection control** in the community [here](#).
- 33.9. New guidance on how to use **social media** to involve people in research is available [here](#).
- 33.10. From next April, all patients registered with a GP in England should be able to have online access to their **medical records**. More [here](#). See a wider discussion piece on confidentiality of patient records [here](#).
- 33.11. The East Midlands Advocacy Alliance is [closing](#) after 20 years work.
- 33.12. The [Health Research Authority](#) becomes a Non-Departmental Public Body on 1 January 2015 and will take responsibility from the Department of Health for issuing guidance for research in England, replacing the current Research Governance Framework.
- 33.13. Please respond to the consultation on the **values and standards** for involvement by 5 Jan 2015 [here](#).
- 33.14. Some Derbyshire women have been offered **vouchers** to encourage them to breastfeed their babies, and it worked. Read more [here](#).
- 33.15. The **High Court** has [ruled](#) in favour of proper consultation about changes to GP contracts for primary care.
- 33.16. **Publications**. Sign up for the new magazine from the Clinical Research Network [here](#) and a new journal on involvement [here](#).
- 33.17. A [social prescribing project](#) has reduced Accident and Emergency attendances by 21%, hospital admissions by 9% and outpatient appointments by 29%.
- 33.18. Researchers investigating diabetes have successfully used **community engagement** techniques to link with ethnic minority groups. Details [here](#).
- 33.19. The Healthwatchers Club encourages **7 - 11 year olds** to take an interest in their own health and give feedback on the quality of health services. More from [Alison Duckers](#).
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