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Public Face promotes patient and public involvement in healthcare and health research across the East Midlands. Each newsletter will be packed with useful information so you can find out more and get involved. To sign up to receive it, please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Q9V697W>. To unsubscribe or discuss things you see here, please email me at peter.bates@nottingham.ac.uk

- 02.1. It is World Mental Health Day on Thursday and lots of events are planned. You can see a new **calendar of public events** and involvement opportunities at <http://www.emahsn.ac.uk/emahsn/public-involvement-events-calendar.aspx>. Contact me if you have additions or corrections.
- 02.2. If you are interested in **reviewing applications for research funding** from a public or patient viewpoint, then the FARSight meeting on 17 October is for you. Details are in the calendar of public events mentioned above.
- 02.3. There have been lots of discussions about how **PPI meetings** should be organised across the East Midlands. We want to work with the 'new geography', but also help people retain existing networks and build local connections. So I have prepared a discussion paper called 'Map of Possibilities' to help people think about the different options. Email Laura.Condie@graduatescheme.leadershipacademy.nhs.uk for a copy and send her your comments by 9am on 28 October.
- 02.4. Apostolos Fakis at Derby Hospitals has been in touch. He wants to know if anyone has a leaflet that introduces the whole idea of Involvement to

Public Face is a collaboration across the East Midlands, designed to promote Patient and Public Involvement in healthcare and health research. The collaboration is coordinated by the [East Midlands Academic Health Science Network](#) and includes the [Local Education and Training Board](#), [Leadership Academy](#), Strategic Clinical Network, Clinical Senate, Clinical Research Networks and the Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care. Close working relationships are being forged with Clinical Commissioning Groups and NHS Trusts, Healthwatch organisations and the voluntary and independent sector. Our shared goal is to improve healthcare by increasing opportunities to co-produce research and service delivery and to enhance accountability to people using health and social care services, their families and the wider community.

newcomers? It might say why people get involved, what difference it makes and who to contact. It might cover involvement in services as well as research. Please send me yours and I will forward it to him.

- 02.5. I am trying out *Public Face* as **the name** for this collaborative project and newsletter, as it is all about how partner organisations face the public and engage with the people they are designed to serve. Tell me what you think of the name.
- 02.6. A conference on **Stroke** took place in Nottingham on 29 July 2013 and gathered views from patients and the public who attended. These will be used to inform future research priorities in stroke research. Contact Helen Taylor h.taylor@nottingham.ac.uk to obtain a copy of the report.
- 02.7. A new website <http://feedback.nottinghamshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/> designed to collect **patient feedback** has been set up by Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust with the help of the Institute of Mental Health, Patient Opinion and the East Midlands Leadership Academy. Congratulations – it has been shortlisted for an award!
- 02.8. Raksha Pandya-Wood is carrying out PhD research at De Montfort University, Leicester on ‘Understanding the impact that service user involvement has on **cancer** research and its usability.’ Contact her at rpandya@dmu.ac.uk to find out more.
- 02.9. Francis Maude announced on 1 October that the **Friends and Family Test** – answering the question “Would you recommend this service to your friends and family?” – will be extended to all NHS services in England, including mental health services, community nursing, and outpatient appointments by the end of March 2015. It will also be used with other public services, including further education, Jobcentre Plus and the National Citizen Service.
- 02.10. Britain is hosting an international **Summit on Open Government** with the aim of increasing public participation and accountability. Read more at <http://www.opengovpartnership.org/ogp-london-annual-summit>
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