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Public Face promotes patient and public involvement in healthcare and health research across the East Midlands. These Bulletins contain snippets of news to help you find out more and get involved. To contribute material, comment on items or unsubscribe, please email me <u>here</u> or sign up for the Bulletin <u>here</u>.

- 04.1. I'd really like to share the job of creating this bulletin. If you'd like to help shape *Public Face*, please contact me <u>here</u>. Debbie Butler has volunteered.
- 04.2. The **Events Calendar** contains lots of events that are open to the public, and promote involvement in healthcare or health research. See it <u>here</u>. Please contact me if you have any additions or corrections.
- 04.3. Congratulations to **Rob Hanlon**, involvement champion in Derbyshire, for his article published this month. See pages 6-7 <u>here</u>.
- 04.4. The Wellcome Trust is offering **capital funding** for public engagement. Awards will normally be worth over £200,000. Closing date: 23 May 2014. More details <u>here</u>. They are also offering **Engagement Fellowships** to 'support and develop upcoming stars in public engagement with science'. Support is provided for up to two years and includes a salary or salary buyout, project costs, training, access to office space and facilities at the Wellcome Trust, and opportunities to work with trust's staff to develop project ideas. Closing date: 21 Feb 14. More details <u>here</u>.
- 04.5. **Paid jobs.** The INVOLVE Coordinating Centre in Eastleigh, Hampshire is recruiting a Senior Public **Involvement Advisor** to work 4 days a week. See the job description <u>here</u>, apply <u>here</u> by 18/11/13 and interviews will be held on 11/12/13. Or do you want a job linking industry and health

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research? The vacancy <u>here</u> is based in Nottingham, has a closing date of 10/11/13 and pays £25,783+.

- 04.6. Specialist Services **Clinical Reference Groups** (CRGs), part of NHS England, are looking for patients, carers, members of the public or voluntary organisations and clinical/non-clinical professionals to register as stakeholders. Activities can range from attending focus groups or responding to surveys through to simply being notified of formal documents, depending on your preferences. There's a CRG for almost every health condition! Click <u>here</u> for more information and to register.
- 04.7. Deb Watmough and Asam Latif are part of a **pharmacy** evaluation team at the University of Nottingham. They are seeking people who live in Nottinghamshire and are receiving medicine for hypertension, asthma/COPD, Type 2 Diabetes or who are receiving anticoagulant /antiplatelet medicine. They would like to interview a total of 6 people each of whom represents one the following groups: homeless or vulnerably housed, have difficulty getting out of the house, part of the traveller community, speak English as a second language, visually or hearing impaired or be a man aged 18-35. For their research, they need case studies describing how the person lives with their condition, interacts with health professionals and receives medicines from the pharmacy. If you can help, contact Asam on 07846251940 or here.
- 04.8. What should happen if concerns arise about whether a doctor is capable of communicating effectively in the **English language**? Respond to a national consultation on this delicate matter before 2 Dec 2013 <u>here</u>.
- 04.9. Does getting involved increase your **sense of control** in life, rather than feeling like a victim of circumstances you can't control? See Uzmah Bhatti's 5 minute video about this subject <u>here</u>.
- 04.10.The National Institute of Health Research is seeking two members of the public to join national groups that meet twice a year and decide which research applications to fund. Apply by 25/11/13 details <u>here</u>.
- 04.11. The Government has decided not to change arrangements for access to Independent Mental Health Advocates. Details <u>here</u>.

04.12. This <u>Director of Commissioning</u> believes that **health improves** more for patients who get involved in research than for those who do not.