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05.1. From time to time, people with lived experience of a health condition or disability are engaged as **Associate Lecturers** to contribute to professional training. Their personal experience of living with the condition and using health and social care services provides a vivid case study for student doctors, nurses, researchers and a host of others who hear the lecture. But how should these arrangements be set up? Please come to a meeting (26/11/13, 1:30pm – 4:00pm, Room B02, Sir Colin Campbell Building, Triumph Road, Nottingham) to share your experiences and expectations. In a single sitting, we aim to create an advice sheet on how to do this well. Places are limited so please book in with peter.bates@nottingham.ac.uk. Travel expenses reimbursed.

05.2. The next REPP (Research Engaging with Patients and Public) meetings are coming up soon. The Leicester/Northants one is on 3 Dec (contact [Lotus](#) for further details) and the Notts/Derby/Lincs one is on 19 December (contact [Dawn](#) for details).

05.3. Lots of other events are listed in the **PPI Events Calendar** [here](#).

05.4. Jason Scott is seeking a **patient representative** for his advisory group to help with his research on patient safety. Meetings will be on 26/11/13 in York, Sept 2014 in Nottingham and May 2015 in York. Expenses will be paid. Contact Jason at j.scott@yorks.ac.uk or on 01904 876 707.

- 05.5. *People in Research* run a **vacancy board** that advertises further opportunities for people to get involved in research. You can select East Midlands or look nationally. See it [here](#). Let's fill it up with opportunities!
- 05.6. Maternity services started using the **Friends and Family Test** at the beginning of October, so the first set of results will be available by the end of January 2014. Read more [here](#).
- 05.7. **Stonewall** and Nottingham University Hospitals are surveying lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans people about their awareness of cancer symptoms, seeking help and advice, and experiences of cancer services. They want to hear from all LGBT people: those with and without cancer. It is entirely anonymous and will help improve services for LGBT people. Details [here](#), survey [here](#) – please respond before 13/12/13.
- 05.8. See a diagram showing who runs different parts of the NHS [here](#). Meanwhile, [here](#)'s an opinion that there are now too many organisations for consulting with patients and the public.
- 05.9. Involve have produced a **cost calculator** to help you work out how to cost PPI into your research bid. See it [here](#).
- 05.10. New guidance on how to write a **plain English** summary of your research is available [here](#).
- 05.11. Has getting involved in research **changed your life** for the better? Tell your story [here](#) and inspire others when the website opens on 28/11/13.
- 05.12. Patient leadership includes **self-management** of your own health. For example, diabetes researchers in Leicester have developed a Safer Ramadan Toolkit to help people manage their condition during the fast. Read more [here](#). Meanwhile, in Derby, bilingual Community Link workers have raised awareness of diabetes risk and improved their own confidence through doing so.
- 05.13. **Job vacancies.** Planning & Engagement Manager at West Leicestershire CCG, salary £39,239+, closing date 25/11/13, apply [here](#). Four jobs at Healthwatch Lincolnshire, contact [Angela Bentley](#) for details – closing date 29/11/13.
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