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Public Face shares news about patient and public involvement (PPI) activities in health and social care and in research across 504 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.

- 10.1. Is there a need for a national **welfare benefits and tax helpline** to sort out problems related to payments for involvement? INVOLVE, the Mental Health Research Network and the Social Care Institute for Excellence are working together to perhaps commission a helpline from a Citizen's Advice Bureau, funded by subscription from member organisations. If your organisation might be willing to join in and pay a subscription, please register your interest [here](#) by 7/2/14.
- 10.2. Organisations in the East Midlands are involving patient leaders in some **significant decisions** over the next few weeks. The Leadership Academy has included a patient representative on its Board away day, the Strategic Clinical Network is setting priorities for the next year in partnership with patient leaders, and both the Clinical Research Network and the AHSN have invited a patient leader to join their recruitment panel to select staff for some senior appointments.
- 10.3. The next *From Principle to Practice* seminar will take place at 2pm on 26 February. We will create an information sheet on how to develop a **Consent to Approach Register** where patients can indicate their general interest in participating in research. If you have created a Register or joined one, please contact [me](#) to book in. The previous seminar created this [information sheet](#) on how to engage patients as Associate Lecturers.

- 10.4. The **School of Medicine** at the University of Nottingham is starting a review of their PPI activity. To get involved, contact [Dawn Walker](#).
- 10.5. Are you holding down a job while caring for someone with **dementia**? Please complete this 10 minute [survey](#) for Carers UK by 31/1/14.
- 10.6. [NICE](#) are consulting on their **Quality and Outcomes Framework** for 2015/16. Tell them what you think by 3 Feb 2014 [here](#).
- 10.7. The Cancer Patients and Carers **Support Group** is run by patients for patients - meeting dates are on the PPI events calendar [here](#). If your issue is not cancer but is some other health condition, there's probably a support group for you too. Perhaps you could start your search [here](#).
- 10.8. Have you been treated for **cancer**? Do you like writing on your own or with others? The journal *Clinical Oncology* is seeking a 1500 word editorial from a patient's perspective on the subject of follow up. Get your writing guidelines from [Katrina](#), and then send her your title, outline and your name(s) by 10/2/14 and your draft by 30/4/14.
- 10.9. **In the news**. Tim Kelsey is the National Director for Patients and Information in the NHS. Read what he wrote recently about PPI [here](#). The government's decision to make patient data available unless you opt out of the [care.data](#) system is being criticised – see [here](#).
- 10.10. What would an effective **involvement strategy** look like? See the standards set by the National Service User Network [here](#).
- 10.11. **Researchers** may be interested in guidance [here](#) how to develop a Standard Operating Procedure in partnership with public representatives. Also - public representatives can code qualitative data (see how [here](#)) and be involved in systematic reviews (see [here](#)).
- 10.12. There's **advice on how to involve public representatives** in the activities of a Clinical Trials Unit [here](#). You can also see guidance for Health and Wellbeing Boards on public engagement [here](#).
- 10.13. **Job vacancies**. **Leicester** - Engagement Officer, £25k+, apply [here](#) by 5/2/14. **Warwick** – Research Fellow in PPI, £28k+, apply [here](#) by 13/2/14.
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