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Public Face shares news about patient and public involvement (PPI) activities in health and social care and in research across 523 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.

- 11.1. The new [CLAHRC East Midlands](#) official [launch](#) takes place on 14/2/14 and is fully booked. They have already appointed a PPI representative to their Scientific Committee. It's good to see the 'access all areas' principle beginning to be applied in this new organisation.
- 11.2. You are welcome to join a new **Women's Health** group. The first meeting is in Nottingham on 14/3/2013 from 2-4pm. Details in the [calendar](#).
- 11.3. Repeat announcement! 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.
- 11.4. The new **Clinical Research Network** (CRN) will operate across England from April 2014 and merge 102 networks into 15. The East Midlands CRN, where Professor David Rowbotham is Clinical Director, will spend £23 million on health research on 2014-15. Funding for research has not been cut and contracts are awarded for up to five years. Tiffany Jones (Head of Communications at UHL) is the communications lead.
- 11.5. [Involvement4Access](#) are creating a new role called **Patient Research Ambassador**, described [here](#). Please tell [Roger Steele](#) what you think.

- 11.6. In the East Midlands, we have several research organisations that are controlled and run by patients and service users. A review of **user-controlled research** is available [here](#).
- 11.7. I'd like to put a list of **PPI groups** on the website so people can find them and join in. Please send [me](#) details of your group.
- 11.8. Some organisations are starting to use a new acronym – **PCPIE**. It stands for Patient, Carer and Public Involvement and Engagement.
- 11.9. Are you a patient, service user or carer who has been named on a research funding bid as a **co-applicant**? Please let [me](#) know if you have.
- 11.10. The Government's [Deregulation Bill](#) received its Second Reading in the House of Commons last week. It will amend or repeal 182 laws.
- 11.11. Despite lobbying by [38 Degrees](#) and others, the *Transparency of Lobbying, Non-party Campaigning and Trade Union Administration Act 2014* became [law](#) on 30/01/14. The Act introduces a statutory register of lobbyists and tightens regulation of election campaign spending.
- 11.12. [We Own It](#) is a new organisation that has been formed to campaign for public services to be run by the people who use them, not for profit.
- 11.13. Healthy people who take part in **drug trials** should not do so too often as it may be bad for their health. Volunteers have to be logged with The Over-volunteering Prevention Service ([TOPS](#)) to keep them safe.
- 11.14. [Find Me Help](#) is an online directory of 3,200 services for people in the **last years of life**. Getting this kind of information to members of the public gives them greater control over their own life.
- 11.15. **Call for Participants** is a new organisation. Find opportunities to become a research participant on its [website](#). Researchers can advertise for participants on this site too.
- 11.16. **Job vacancies**. Sutton in Ashfield – Complaints Officer, £18k+, closing date 12/02/14, details [here](#). Nottingham Citycare – Executive Director of Quality, Safety and Engagement, £65k+, closing date 3/2/14, details [here](#).
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