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Public Face shares news about patient and public involvement (PPI) activities in health and social care and in research across 534 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.

- 12.1. Please join the Nottinghamshire's Adult Social Care Involvement Group. This group meets four times a year around the county, with the next meeting on 6/3/14. Contact [Veronica Price-Job](#) or call 0115 977 2546. Participation can make a difference – see how a [campaign](#) by people with autism stopped the closure of their service.
- 12.2. Experienced PPI representatives are invited to apply for a place on the commissioning panel for the Policy Research Programme at the Department of Health. The panel provides information to the Secretary of State for Health. See the [information pack](#), [application form](#) and [diversity monitoring form](#) and apply by 1pm on 14/03/14.
- 12.3. Up-to-date information about medicines is provided to health professionals and the public via the British National Formulary. There are plans to improve this service, such as by making more use of smartphone apps. Please respond to their consultation [here](#) by 30/3/14.
- 12.4. The INVOLVE conference will take place in Birmingham on 26 and 27/11/14, discussing public involvement in NHS, public health and social care research. Apply [here](#) by 4/4/14 to give a presentation.
- 12.5. The Big Lottery Fund has awarded over £9 million to the Opportunity Nottingham project led by [Framework Housing Association](#).

Public Face is an initiative of the [East Midlands Academic Health Science Network](#) (EMAHSN). It aims to promote Patient and Public Involvement in healthcare and health research and is compiled by Peter Bates, EMAHSNs Facilitator for Public Leadership. You can contact him at peter.bates@nottingham.ac.uk or call 07710 439 677.

- 12.6. NHS England has set up a national Youth Forum. See [here](#).
- 12.7. The COCAPP study looks at the impact of care planning in mental health recovery. The multi-site team is advised by Alison Faulkner, Service User Consultant. In addition, John Tear from the local PPI group in Lincolnshire is part of the Lived Experience Advisory Group and will be a Service User Researcher in Phase 2 of the study. Five Service User Research Assistants will recruit participants, collect data and analyse findings. Contact [Barbara Keogh](#) for more information.
- 12.8. Between April and November 2013, over 3,500 people in the East Midlands agreed to participate in mental health research studies.
- 12.9. See a short film from Lincolnshire about dementia [here](#).
- 12.10. If you have experienced psychosis and are able and willing to undergo an MRI scan to help research, please contact [Graham Spencer](#), [Barbara Keogh](#) or [Clare Litherland](#). If accepted to help with the research, you will be offered travel costs and an inconvenience payment of £40.
- 12.11. If you have a diagnosis of Borderline Personality Disorder, you might be eligible to take part in a research study. Contact [Sandra Simpson](#) or [Georgia Lycomitrou](#) for more information.
- 12.12. Coming soon from the [NIHR App Centre](#) – a smartphone app that allows patients and the public to find out more about clinical research activity in England. This app is called “Find a Study”. You will be able to search its database by postcode, GP surgery, NHS Trust, disease and medication.
- 12.13. NHS England’s plans to send everyone’s medical records to a central database called [Care.data](#) have been shelved until the autumn.
- 12.14. [NHS Change Day](#) on 3 March 2014 celebrates more than 170,000 pledges to make the NHS better.
- 12.15. Can you help the League of Friends arrange a series of lectures at QMC in Nottingham? [Contact Kerry Harper](#).
- 12.16. You are invited to a public lecture on Research and Development at 6pm on 12/3/14 at Royal Derby Hospital. Details here, book [here](#).
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