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Public Face shares news about patient and public involvement (PPI) activities in health and social care and in research across 540 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.

- 14.1. This Thursday a group will meet to continue planning training and support for **lay assessors** – patient and public representatives who offer comment on research funding proposals. The meeting is on 18/3/14 from 1.30 to 3.30pm in room A08 at the Institute of Mental Health, Triumph Road, Nottingham. Contact [Adele Horobin](#) to book in.
- 14.2. Have you sat on a **staff recruitment** panel that included patient representatives? We will meet to pool our experience of this on 25/3/14 from 2pm to 4pm at the [Rosewood Centre](#), Ollerton, Notts. Book [here](#).
- 14.3. We are looking for someone who can facilitate a patient experience reference group for a research study. It averages four hours a week and involves reading papers, staying in touch, chairing meetings and doing the agenda and minutes. There's a budget to pay the Facilitator. If you think you might like to do this, contact [Peter Bates](#) for more information.
- 14.4. On 11/03/14, parliament voted through **clause 119** of the Care Bill, giving special administrators the power to make changes to neighbouring services while trying to rescue failing NHS trusts. However, they must consult with Healthwatch before taking action.
- 14.5. Click on the links to have your say on Nottingham's [maternity care](#) or [Mental Health Services](#) by 27/3/14.

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- 14.6. Sherwood Forest Hospitals is one of the 14 Trusts that Sir Bruce Keogh said need to improve. See a report on their progress [here](#).
- 14.7. The Government is developing a **trade agreement** with the US, but some people fear it will harm democracy in public services. See [here](#) and [here](#).
- 14.8. Children have worked with researchers to co-produce STAK, an evidence-based way to improve children's confidence about taking exercise. Would your **primary school** use part of their Olympic legacy grant to gain the benefits of STAK? Contact [Luke Hogarth](#).
- 14.9. You can apply for a place on the EUPATI Expert **Training Course**. Patient advocates receive expert-level training in medicines research and development. The certificated course is a mixture of online and face-to-face sessions over 13 months, from Sept 2014. Apply by 20/4/14 [here](#).
- 14.10. CQC are to give most **GP practices** two weeks' notice of their inspection visit, instead of just two days. Details [here](#).
- 14.11. I'm trying to build a list of all the patient experience and involvement groups that meet across the East Midlands so it can be widely available. Have you let me know about **your group**? Please send [me](#) details.
- 14.12. The Labour Party has published its health and care policy consultation document [here](#). Send your comments to the appropriate person [here](#).
- 14.13. **Learning from others**. Tina Coldham is a **service user researcher** - read about her [webinar](#). Or hear about Carol Rhodes experience of working as a PPI lead [here](#). Public representatives were involved throughout [this](#) service evaluation.
- 14.14. Have you complained about the NHS? Tell us how it went [here](#).
- 14.15. The British Paediatric Surveillance Unit conducts national epidemiological surveys of rare diseases in childhood. Patients and their parents are not approached, so studies are undertaken **without consent**. See how they achieve patient and public involvement [here](#).
- 14.16. **Job Vacancies**. Leicester City CCG – Planning and Engagement Support Officer £21k+, Closing date 23/3/14, details [here](#).
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