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Public Face shares news about patient and public involvement (PPI) activities in health and social care and in research across 607 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. There's also a volunteering [Vacancy Board](#) and an involvement [Events Calendar](#) to check out.

- 19.1. A number of researchers will be interviewed for jobs in the East Midlands Academic Health Science Network in the next few weeks. We are seeking suitably experienced patient and public representatives to join the interview panels. We can pay you! Contact [Zenn](#).
- 19.2. The Care Act 2014 received royal assent on 15/4/14. Factsheets [here](#).
- 19.3. It is [OK To Ask](#) your doctor about research. One in eight GP practices are accredited as "[Research Ready](#)" by the RCGP and the CRN and can conduct research to high quality standards. Is yours?
- 19.4. Does your patient group need funds? Apply [here](#) by 5pm on 28/5/14. Alternatively, individual academic and research staff at the University of Nottingham can apply for a Partnership Fund Grant of £500. Apply by 30 May 2014 and use the money to enrich research, teaching and learning through public engagement. Ask for details [here](#).
- 19.5. Do you have mesothelioma? Claim [compensation](#).

- 19.6. Have you or someone you know experienced a difficult hospital discharge? Healthwatch England have set up an [inquiry](#) led by patients and the public, rather than the usual lawyers or politicians.
- 19.7. [NIHR](#) news. On 14/5/14, they added a new condition to their funding application process - a good quality plain English summary must now be submitted. Advice on writing one is [here](#). Second, they have an [Involvement Strategy](#) which promotes (a) citizens choose to take part in research, (b) citizens use evidence on which their care is based, and (c) citizens have good research experience and recommend to others. Please help NIHR refine their new involvement strategy by completing Simon Denegri's [survey](#).
- 19.8. Have you used an ambulance in the past 3 months? Please contact [Melanie Edwards](#) and participate in a telephone interview for [AACE](#).
- 19.9. If you are aged 65 or over, please fill in this [survey](#) about medical devices. For every completed survey £1.00 will be donated to The British Lung Foundation up to a maximum of £200.
- 19.10. Campaigners have applied for a judicial review into a Clinical Commissioning Group. They think that Bristol CCG is failing in its legal duty to consult the public over its decisions. Read more [here](#).
- 19.11. Do you have coronary heart disease? Learn to manage it well by taking the [Activate Your Heart](#)™ online course developed in Leicester.
- 19.12. [NICE](#) is asking national organisations for their views on it proposed safe staffing guidelines. They say they don't have the resources to process responses from individuals or local organisations. Details [here](#).
- 19.13. [Skills for Care](#) and the [National Skills Academy for Social Care](#) will merge by the end of May 2014.
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