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Public Face shares news about patient and public involvement (PPI) activities in health and social care and in research across 635 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.

- 23.1. 'Champions of Change' provides a voice to people from **minority ethnic** communities to improve cancer services - see [here](#). A [commission](#) recommended training for minorities to help recognise people experiencing mental health difficulties.
- 23.2. How do we make the most of opportunities to **scrutinise** the work of service providers, managers or researchers? Please share your ideas at a seminar on 24th July 2014 from 2pm to 4pm in Derby – book [here](#).
- 23.3. The NIHR **Research for Patient Benefit** programme invites research proposals which have emerged from interaction with patients and the public, which relate to patient experience, and which have been drawn up with a relevant group of service users. Apply [here](#) by 17/09/14.
- 23.4. **Have an idea for changing mental health care?** NIHR [MindTech](#) Healthcare Technology Cooperative brings together patients, health care professionals, researchers and industry for positive conversations about new products and services. Learn more from [Lucy Simons](#).
- 23.5. Do you have experience of delivering **training for PPI reps** or receiving training for involvement? Share your experience at a seminar on 5 August 2014 from 2pm to 4pm in Ruddington – book [here](#).

- 23.6. If you **claim benefits** you might be asked, “Have you refused any offers of payment for any kind of involvement activity?” See [here](#). From 28/10/13, some East Midlands residents will be switched to a [Personal Independence Payment](#) instead of Disability Living Allowance.
- 23.7. Comment on the proposed **code of conduct** for nurses [here](#) by 11/8/14.
- 23.8. The Clinical Research Network is collecting positive stories from patients about their involvement in research. Get involved [here](#). Also, check out their Youtube at [CRN TV](#).
- 23.9. There is a national networking event for PPI Lay Members on [CCG Governing Bodies](#) in London on 21/7/14. Contact [Ruth Beattie](#).
- 23.10. **Derbyshire residents** are invited to apply for a place on the Safeguarding Children Board - details [here](#), – and to respond to a consultation on plans to move day services [here](#).
- 23.11. Do you sit on an [NIHR](#) panel that decides which research projects are funded or review research funding applications? The funder may put your name on a website – see new [guidelines](#). NIHR are also looking for Patient Research Ambassadors willing to share their photos, videos and stories. Contact [Roger Steel](#). NIHR want better [plain English summaries](#) in funding bids. Finally, click [here](#) for the NIHR Involve webinar on public involvement.
- 23.12. From now on the [BMJ](#) is requiring **authors** of research papers submitted to them to show how they included patients in their work.
- 23.13. MQ has launched a public consultation on **depression**. Please respond [here](#) if you have had depression yourself, or if you are a friend, relative, carer or clinician in touch with a depressed person.
- 23.14. See this new publication on **data sharing** called [The Open Data Era](#) and this [benchmarking site](#) from Public Health England.
- 23.15. The National Association for Patient Participation have launched an new research engagement [Award](#).
- 23.16. **Job Opportunities:** Community Organiser, £23k+, apply [here](#) by 14/07/2014. Programme Manager, £45k+, apply [here](#) by 10/07/14.
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