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Thank you for registering with our Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) distribution network

This is the first issue of a regular 'PPI in the East Midlands' briefing, sent out by East Midlands Academic Health Science Network to highlight opportunities, events and activity in the region that promote opportunities for Patient and Citizen Leaders to contribute to improve healthcare. You have received it because you recently completed our survey questionnaire (see the link below).

East Midlands Academic Health Science Network, one of a number of newly formed NHS organisations, is partnered with health and social care organisations, the community, academic institutions and industry to accelerate the adoption and spread of innovation and best practice so that healthcare outcomes are improved. These East Midlands wide NHS organisations share a commitment to promote PPI to ensure that healthcare is meeting people's requirements, and we would like to build on the existing collaborations and work together to ensure that people get the best possible chance of helping health services.

This distribution network will help us to gain a clearer picture of where PPI leaders, representatives and sponsors are located and their current activity and interests.

Over the next few weeks, the 'get involved' section of the EMAHSN website will go live. This will include a PPI links page, highlighting relevant local and national organisations, and further information on how to get involved as a patient leader. The PPI Events Calendar is available now, highlighting events and opportunities for patients, carers and interested members of the public in the East Midlands to attend and contribute to, ranging from lectures and seminars to training, policy-forming and advisory sessions. Please contact Peter Bates with any additions or corrections

<http://emahsn.ac.uk/emahsn/public-involvement-events-calendar.aspx>

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Our seminar programme will also launch in November, hosted by various organisations around the East Midlands. These monthly workshops will focus on topics that are challenging to patient and public involvement, and aim to share solutions and best practice. The first seminar, in November, will be investigating how patient leaders become Associate or Visiting Lecturers. Others will investigate ‘consent to approach’ registers, PPI representatives on recruitment panels, and training for patient leaders. Further details on these events will be coming soon.

We would like to encourage you to send out the survey link to contacts who may be interested in joining this mailing list, getting involved with PPI activities, or just learning a bit more about Patient and Public Involvement.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Q9V697W>

And finally, if you have any thoughts, comments or questions on PPI in general or our work, please contact Peter Bates on peter.bates@nottingham.ac.uk

Public Face is a collaboration across the East Midlands, designed to promote Patient and Public Involvement in healthcare and health research. The collaboration is coordinated by the [East Midlands Academic Health Science Network](#) and includes the [Local Education and Training Board](#), [Leadership Academy](#), Strategic Clinical Network, Clinical Senate, Clinical Research Networks and the Collaboration for Applied Health Research and Care. Close working relationships are being forged with Clinical Commissioning Groups and NHS Trusts, Healthwatch organisations and the voluntary and independent sector. Our shared goal is to improve healthcare by increasing opportunities to co-produce research and service delivery and to enhance accountability to people using health and social care services, their families and the wider community.