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*Public Face* promotes patient and public involvement in healthcare and health research across the East Midlands. These Bulletins contain snippets of news to help you find out more and get involved. To contribute material, comment on items or unsubscribe, please email me [here](#) or sign up for the Bulletin [here](#).

- 03.1. Over 300 people have signed up to *Public Face* in the first month. I have already received a number of great suggestions for improving this bulletin – thanks very much for your ideas. I'd be really happy to meet up to discuss how we can work together – please get in touch [here](#).
- 03.2. NHS England is hosting a planning event to design an **NHS Citizens Assembly**. You can join in the debate online on 22 and 23 Oct 2013 [here](#).
- 03.3. Free **online training** in Patient and Public Involvement is available [here](#).
- 03.4. Patients or carers are sometimes invited to give a lecture about their experience. On 26/11/2013, we hope to bring together people who have found solutions to the personal and administrative issues involved in creating effective **Associate Lecturer** roles, and then work together to create an advice sheet. Details are in the [calendar](#); book in with [me](#).
- 03.5. Kelly Hall at the University of Birmingham wants to know if smaller organisations in Nottinghamshire are better than larger ones at providing social care for older people. She is seeking 4 service users and 2 carers to **work as co-researchers**. You need to have experience of using these services (or caring for someone who has done so), be aged about 60 or over, and preferably be a car owner-driver. Selection is in November to start work Jan 2014. Pay is £10 an hour + travel expenses. Training will be provided. Contact [k.j.hall@bham.ac.uk](mailto:k.j.hall@bham.ac.uk).

- 03.6. If you live in Nottingham city, please complete a survey by 15/11/13 about **access to your GP**. It's [here](#).
- 03.7. Dr Mark Bevan at the University of York would like to talk to disabled people who rent their home from a private landlord about their views and experiences of managing **energy costs**. Those who take part will receive £20. Contact Mark [here](#) or on 01904 321489.
- 03.8. **Patient Information Sheets** are written to help people make an informed decision about whether to take part in research. The Medical Research Council has prepared guidance for researchers on how to write a good Patient Information Sheet. Please comment on this guidance before 30/11/2013 [here](#).
- 03.9. Helen Smith, PhD student at the University of Nottingham is looking for typically developing **young people** aged 11, 12, 13 and 15 to take part in her brain imaging study. Contact her [here](#).
- 03.10. Involvement is hitting the **headlines** – see [here](#)
- 03.11. The Wellcome Foundation is now funding public involvement in its **research grants**. If you already have funding or are applying for money from them, have a look [here](#).
- 03.12. In a study of 4,655 US hospitals, researchers found **patient satisfaction** was not statistically connected to treatment effectiveness. See [here](#).
- 03.13. Birmingham University has recruited service users as **co-researchers** and paid them for their work. Read how they have done it [here](#).
- 03.14. If the structure for the **new NHS** is confusing you, see this [youtube](#).
- 03.15. **Cancer** survivors have recently run a course called Voice. It is a study week that takes patient advocates from bedside to bench. See [here](#).
- 03.16. Britain's first Chief Inspector of Adult Social Care is preparing to recruit an army of ordinary people with personal experience of the care system to help conduct **inspections**. See [here](#).
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