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Public Face shares news about patient and public involvement (PPI) activities in health and social care and in research across 477 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.

- 07.1. Check out [Getting Involved](#) on the EMAHSN website. It has the **PPI Events Calendar**. I'm looking forward to seeing some of you at the REPP meeting on Thursday, starting at 10.30am.
- 07.2. New to the [Getting Involved](#) section is a **Links** page that needs to include your organisation. There's also a new collection of **Policy Quotes** from government documents about the importance of PPI. Please send [me](#) any additions or corrections.
- 07.3. [Jackie Smart](#) is seeking **armed services** veterans to help her group plan research projects on military related mental health issues. Can you help?
- 07.4. Are you preparing a bid for submission to a research funder? The East Midlands [Research Design Service](#) **offers up to £500** to fund your pre-submission consultation with patients and the public. It will help you get your bid ready for submission and increase the chance of success. Read the evidence [here](#) and [here](#) or contact [Dawn](#) or [Raksha](#).
- 07.5. Do you offer an **advocacy** service to disabled people? If so, please complete the 15 minute survey [here](#) by 19/12/13.
- 07.6. The **British Medical Journal** is seeking patients and carers willing to review and comment on articles submitted for publication. Reviewers get a year's free subscription to BMJ online. Contact [me](#) for more details.

- 07.7. Nottinghamshire County Council must cut spending by £154 million. Use the **budget simulator** [here](#) to say how you think it should be done. Or Comment [here](#) on Nottingham's **city centre** plans by 31/12/13.
- 07.8. **Satisfaction in the NHS.** Resources on the NHS Friends and Family test are collected [here](#) and some case studies showing its impact in the East Midlands can be read [here](#).
- 07.9. When a health service gets into **financial difficulties**, [Monitor](#) or the Secretary of State can appoint a [Trust Special Administrator](#) (TSA) to rapidly sort things out. An [amendment](#) to Clause 118 of the [Care Bill](#) proposes new rules regarding the TSA's duty to consult. Instead of the usual 12 weeks for consulting with patients and the public about service change, they will be allowed only half this time - 40 days.
- 07.10. The Health Research Authority are consulting on their **strategy** for Patient and Public Involvement. Comment [here](#) by 31/12/13.
- 07.11. Do you or your relative have **dementia**? In the last year have you/they been admitted to an acute hospital from a care home, or discharged from hospital to a care home? Tell [CQC](#) about it [here](#) before 31/2/14.
- 07.12. Is your healthcare organisation **ready to hear** and respond to the views of patients and the public? Linda Oostendorp is creating a way to measure this and needs to hear from both patients and staff. [Email](#) her if you can help by completing two short surveys (10-15 minutes each).
- 07.13. **Job vacancies. Lincoln:** Associate Director of Communications & Engagement. £55k+, closing date 6/1/14, apply [here](#); Engagement Specialist, £25k, closing date 20/12/13, apply [here](#). **Sheffield:** Trainer with lived experience of mental health issues, half time, £18k pro rata, closing date 23/12/13, apply [here](#). **Nottingham:** PPI Project Support Officer, £16k+, closing date 22/12/13, apply [here](#).

Happy Christmas! Thank you to everyone who has been involved in any way through 2013, either by volunteering your time or listening to others. Together, we will ignite innovation across the East Midlands.
