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Public Face shares news about patient and public involvement (PPI) activities in health and social care and in research across 590 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.

- 17.1. We begin this bulletin with news of two upcoming events. We want to pool our learning on how to include **lay members in a Board**, so please join us on 28/4/14 from 2pm to 4pm so if you have relevant experience. If you are interested in how health researchers involve patients and the public, please book into the **REPP meeting** on 20/5/14. Book both [here](#).
- 17.2. [Healthwatch Derbyshire](#) is one of 152 Healthwatch organisations created by the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and launched on 1/4/13. It listens to what children and adults have to say about health and social care services and then holds those services to account. Read their recent report [here](#) or contact them [here](#). There's one for your area too.
- 17.3. **The Law.** (1) Since 1 April 2014, patients have had a new legal right to **choose the provider** of their mental health services at first outpatient appointment, as they do in their physical health care. (2) The government has published new guidance [here](#) on when it is OK to **restrain** someone. (3) A woman with learning difficulties has taken her Council [to court](#) for closing Hartley's Day Centre. The Court of Appeal ruled that it was not enough for a public body to **consult on the principle of closures**, but that specific proposals to close a particular facility would need to be the subject of a consultation with those who used it.

- 17.4. Nottingham **Cancer** Patients & Carers Support Group hold meetings every 3rd Tuesday of the month, click [here](#) for more details.
- 17.5. **Self-help** guides are available [here](#). You can get them rebranded for your own organisation [here](#).
- 17.6. The Business Plan for [EMAHSN](#) is [here](#).
- 17.7. **Secret shoppers** can report on their experience of healthcare like [this](#).
- 17.8. The Involvement Reference Group at [Central Midlands CSU](#) has no representatives from the East Midlands yet, so please apply [here](#) by mid day on 30/4/14. You will be a critical friend, give feedback and offer advice on areas to prioritise.
- 17.9. [NHS England](#) has published a **newsletter** on involvement. Read it [here](#).
- 17.10. Could mobile phones, the internet, or personal health monitors which communicate with health professionals enhance **independent living** for people with long-term conditions? Please fill in this [survey](#) by 30/4/14.
- 17.11. [NSUN](#) and Healthwatch have launched a Mental Healthwatch [handbook](#).
- 17.12. The [Clinical Research Network](#) has started a **Young Person's** Mental Health Advisory Group who meet every other month weeks in London. Contact them [here](#) to get their input into your research.
- 17.13. Sign up for this [petition](#) to **increase funding** for mental health research.
- 17.14. Derbyshire has committed **£2.5 million** to voluntary and community groups for 2014-15. They [say](#) 'this is the last year' before cuts.
- 17.15. SCIE have made a pair of [films](#) about **coproduction**.
- 17.16. The National Institute for Health Research are calling for individuals to make **research suggestions**, so please add your idea [here](#).
- 17.17. Guides on Involvement for **Clinical Commissioning Groups** are [here](#).
- 17.18. **Job Opportunities**: Stapleford, Nottingham: Head of Quality, Governance & Engagement, £39k+, apply [here](#) by 25/4/14.
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