

E-Bulletin from the National Association for Patient Participation: Issue 28: April 2009

192. Online surveys

In the past fortnight, N.A.P.P. has launched an online survey for Patient Participation Groups who are affiliated to us. We are extremely keen to get as many responses and viewpoints as possible. The survey is a crucial part in developing our current plans to promote Patient Participation Groups. It will take no more than 15 minutes to complete and can be accessed by clicking [here](#). Note that this survey is only for PPGs who are members of the National Association for Patient Participation.

193. RCGP Award for PPGs

It is that time of year again when we encourage you to consider applying for the RCGP Award, worth £3000. Application details are available on the College [website](#).

194. Greater patient and public involvement is essential

The Economist Intelligence Unit has carried out research with healthcare professionals in four countries - the US, UK, Germany and India. Perhaps the key conclusion, as highlighted in their [Press Release](#), is that "More than 80% of healthcare professionals polled say that patient-centred care - in which patients have more say in the treatment process and take more responsibility for their own health - will be important or even critical in containing the cost of healthcare and improving standards of care in the future. However, they worry that a lack of political will to change healthcare systems may stand in the way of implementing patient-centred care in their own countries."

195. Addressing health inequalities through community engagement

The Improvement Foundation has published an article in the Journal of Integrated Care that describes how community engagement work can make a real difference to health inequalities. They describe the Healthy Communities Collaborative work that they lead, and to which many PPGs contribute, and there are some key messages about how to maximise the changes of success. Click [here](#) to read the article in full (just four pages).

196. GMC consultation

The General Medical Council is consulting on new guidance for doctors on end of life treatment and care. Please click [here](#) to share your views.



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197. Mini Spring Conference

We are very grateful to Victoria Medical Centre PPG and their practice who hosted the N.A.P.P. Spring Mini Conference. More than forty delegates attended from thirty or so PPGs. The keynote presentation, by Dr Susan Rankine, explained why the practice was bidding to run the local GP-led health centre but, at the same time, highlighted issues that patients should monitor closely with respect to some of the current reforms. These included personal care, quality of care, value for money and support for those who are most vulnerable. *The Conference was extremely well-received and we are now laying plans to run similar regional conferences across the UK where there is most interest and as our resources allow.*

198. World Class Commissioning

Every English Primary Care Trust has now completed its World Class Commissioning Quality Assurance process. This has to be posted on their website and is often interesting reading. It includes a commentary on the PCT's work to engage with users and carers and to be seen as the local leader of the NHS. For background information on World Class Commissioning, please click [here](#)

199. The National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence

NICE has a Citizens' Council which advises it on the patient and public perspective. Their most recent meeting looked at the question "*In what circumstances should NICE recommend interventions where the cost per QALY [Quality Adjusted Life Year] is above the threshold range of £20-30,000?*" The [report](#) is fascinating reading since it describes some of the fundamental challenges facing NICE.

200. N.A.P.P. Conference and AGM

For more information, or to book your place at our 31st Annual Conference and AGM, please contact audrey@napp.org.uk or call 0114 287 4035.

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