

E-Bulletin from the National Association for Patient Participation: Issue 40: April 2010

282. [NAPP 32nd Annual Conference](#)

We start this 40th ebulletin with a reminder concerning our 32nd Annual Conference which will take place in Rotherham on 5th June 2010. We are fortunate to have high quality speakers and we would encourage you to book early to secure your place. For more details and a booking form, please click [here](#).

283. [Invest in Engagement: new Picker Institute Europe website](#)

The Picker Institute has launched a new [online tool](#) to help NHS commissioners and providers to secure care and treatment that empowers patients. This evidence review is organised in six sections: patient experience - health literacy - choosing appropriate treatment (shared decisions) - self-management - health promotion- public engagement. Each area offers an evidence base describing what works and the different benefits that can be secured by different engagement models.

284. [Rising to the Challenge: a new NHS Confederation paper](#)

This [paper](#), produced by the NHS Confederation, describes how the NHS can address the major challenges that it faces. The Confederation argues for a rigorous approach to rooting out inefficiencies in the system, a continuing focus on the things that matter most patients (quality of outcomes, patient experience and safety) and more effective measures to improve the health of the whole population and reduce health inequalities. The paper also highlights the need to move away from the current over-reliance on hospital-based solutions.

285. [Making use of unused medicines](#)

Inter Care collects surplus medicines from doctor's surgeries and other sources, sorts them appropriately under licence, then donates them to hospitals and other health care units in rural Sub-Saharan Africa where the needs are the greatest. They also collect and send small medical and surgical equipment, dressings of all kinds, and provide an information service. We know that some PPGs are already active in this area and others may wish to learn more by visiting the [Inter Care website](#). A 'Doctor's Information Pack' is available from them on request.

286. Composite newsletter

Edited by John Harris of Davenport House PPG, NAPP has produced a newsletter that draws together articles that appeared in PPG newsletters during 2009. This has already been distributed in hard copy to our members and we have now popped it online in the [Latest News section](#) of our website. It provides a valuable overview of PPG activity together with a list of useful or significant dates during 2010.

287. Job opportunities with NAPP

After many years of excellent service, Audrey Hoggard has decided to step down as NAPP Secretary with effect from June 2010. Audrey has managed to combine this role with spending several months each year with her family in America but feels that this is no longer manageable - she will be greatly missed. As previously reported, NAPP is also looking to recruit a new Chief Executive when yours truly steps down, also in June. Both posts have operated on a freelance basis with great flexibility for the postholder. Anyone who is interested in either position, or in helping NAPP in other ways, is invited to contact Audrey on 0114 287 4035, Graham on 01628 820326 or our chairman, Danny Daniels on 02920 511016.

288. NAPP website developments

We continue to collect examples of PPG activity on our website and we are very grateful to those of you regularly send us your news. The site allows us to host your [newsletters](#), [websites](#) and [constitutions](#) and I know that these are much appreciated by other Groups. Please continue to send these to us so that the information is as fresh as possible. Remember also that we now have an online forum to allow PPGs to share ideas and raise issues with each other. If you are a member and need a reminder of the login details, please email admin@napp.org.uk.

289. Making a Difference fund

Over 180 applications were received to the Making a Difference fund that is part of the Growing Patient Participation campaign. Some super projects have been supported and we are grateful to every PPG that submitted a bid. All entrants should have been notified of the outcome - please email campaign@growingppgs.com if you have not heard anything.

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