



**E-Bulletin from the
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**Seasons Greetings to all our affiliates.
We hope you have a pleasant Christmas
&
A Happy New Year.**

1. Online Publication of Newsletter

We have recently uploaded the online version of the Autumn/Winter Newsletter onto our website at <http://www.napp.org.uk> . To access the issue you will need to navigate to the Members Section. Type in your user name and password. (If you do not have the username and password email edith.todd@napp.org.uk) A hard copy of the issue will shortly be sent out after the Christmas period.

2. Primary Care Researchers need You! Get involved.

Because it is almost obligatory now for health and social care researchers to involve patients and the public in their projects if they want to achieve ethics and governance acceptance and funding, people willing to participate are in great demand. Requests are increasing from University research teams undertaking Primary Care projects and seeking members of PPGs, often at quite short notice,. Most recently these were from the North West, the Midlands and London. If we are to respond, we need a regional register of members to be matched with the researchers and contacted quickly. By registering, your details would be held only by N.A.P.P. and would not be released to any third party without your agreement. It would not imply any commitment, but you could be contacted by N.A.P.P. and give or refuse permission for the research team to contact you. If you are interested, please email edith.todd@napp.org.uk.

Patients would be reimbursed for travel and out of pocket expenses. In some cases, travel may not be required but could be telephone interviews, reading reports or participating *in a patient consultation event before or after the project has been conducted.*



3. GP Pathfinder Consortia

On 9th December, Health Secretary, Andrew Lansley announced a list of the first wave of 52 approved “Pathfinder” GP Commissioning Consortia. These active consortia cover 1860 practices, or about a quarter of the population, and will assume responsibility for the commissioning services, currently undertaken by Primary Care Trusts. This is the start of a rolling programme of approved pathfinders. Some Pathfinders will also become “early adopters” and N.A.P.P. will be working with these to promote the cause of effective patient involvement to ensure fulfilment of Mr Lansley’s statement that “they can make the decisions that better meet the needs of their local communities and improve outcomes for their patients’. Some cover as few as 19 000 patients, others are much larger. To find out whether your practice is affected , use the link below to view the list in order of the Strategic Health Authorities.

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Aboutus/Features/DH_122384'](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Aboutus/Features/DH_122384)

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