

E-Bulletin from the National Association for Patient Participation: Issue 27: March 2009

186. Workshop on Personal Health Budgets

At the end of February, N.A.P.P. organised an extremely interesting workshop looking at the introduction of personal health budgets in England. Commissioned by Stoke-on-Trent PCT and attended by 30 people from 19 different Patient Participation Groups, the event was a great opportunity to influence an initiative which is at a fairly early stage of development. Those present were able to advise on the settings in which personal health budgets are most likely to succeed, on managing the risks and on evaluating the pilots which are soon to be established by the Department of Health. A report on the workshop will go on the N.A.P.P. website in April. More information on the scheme can be found from the link below:

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Healthcare/Highqualitycareforall/DH_090018

187. Patient and public voice still not heard in commissioning decisions

The Royal College of Nursing and the recently formed National Voices have carried out a major piece of research looking at patient and public involvement in local healthcare commissioning decisions. In their broad-based survey, to which 226 patient groups of varying sizes responded, less than half had experienced any engagement with local commissioning. Only a few of these felt that they had been able to make a meaningful contribution. Respondents were also pretty gloomy about whether new commissioning arrangements were delivering some of the intended outcomes, including more care closer to home, more joined up working and better provision of complex care by the right professionals.

http://www.nationalvoices.org.uk/sites/default/files/RCN%20NV%20LHC%20Report_0.pdf

188. The e-cycle

One model to address any shortcomings in patient and public engagement in commissioning has been developed by David Gilbert of *InHealth* Associates. This proposes that involvement methods are designed in a way that is appropriate to each phase of the commissioning cycle. The model can also be used as a diagnostic tool to understand the parts of the cycle where engagement is weakest.

http://www.institute.nhs.uk/images/documents/wcc/PCT%20portal/E-Cycle%20_document%20for%20testing_%20Oct%201st%202008.pdf

189. Consultation from the Care Quality Commission

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) is the new regulator for health and social care in England. It has issued a consultation document on the Statement of Involvement that it is required to have. The document describes the role of the CQC and its intentions with respect to engagement and involvement. It also includes some questions to which they would welcome responses.

<http://www.cqc.org.uk/pdf/CQC-Statement.pdf>

190. Physical Activity Strategy in Scotland

Scotland was one of the first countries in the world to have a physical activity strategy. More information about this can be found at the Physical Activity and Health Alliance website (see below). The Sports and Public Health Minister, Shona Robison, is now publicising some simple messages by spending 30 minutes a day, five days per week, undertaking physical activity. This is being captured on the blog below. PPGs may wish to consider how they can contribute to that project by publicising the goals or organising activities for patients within their practice.

http://www.paha.org.uk/paha/CCC_FirstPage.jsp

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Health/health/Introduction/Blog>

191. N.A.P.P. Conference and AGM

N.A.P.P.'s Annual Conference and AGM will this year be held in Coventry on Saturday 6th June 2009. The theme is *Patients at the Heart of the NHS: Dream or Reality?* and the keynote speaker is Dr Mike Warburton who heads up the Access and Responsiveness team at the Department of Health. For more information, or to book your place, please contact audrey@napp.org.uk or call 0114 287 4035.

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