

## **E-Bulletin from the National Association for Patient Participation: Issue 41: May 2010**

### 290. [32nd Annual Conference](#)

Our 32nd Annual Conference will take place in Rotherham on 5th June 2010. We are blessed with high quality speakers and we still have some spaces left for what is always a friendly and enjoyable networking opportunity. For more details and a booking form, please click [here](#).

### 291. [Media monitoring service for NAPP members in Scotland](#)

Scotland has a superb [media monitoring service](#) that is designed to provide alerts on health news stories, allowing subscribers to keep up-to-date with what is making the news in medicine. The service is run by a small team at the Information Services Division in Edinburgh. They have confirmed to NAPP that lay people are able to sign-up to these updates and alerts which are sent by email free of charge.

### 292. [Update on the Growing Patient Participation campaign](#)

As part of the Growing Patient Participation campaign, and with great support from more than a dozen Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) in England, NAPP has written a one-off newsletter describing how PCTs are promoting Patient Participation Groups across the country. This can be found in the [Latest News](#) section of the campaign website. The newsletter has a special section describing the work of PCTs who have been taking part in the *Making the Most* project, with NAPP, over the last couple of years. Note also that the winners of the Making a Difference awards can be found by following the link [here](#).

### 293. [Online guide to the NHS](#)

I came across this [guide to the NHS](#) and thought that it may be of wider interest - though its focus is on England.

### 294. [BMA backing for Patient Participation Groups](#)

The UK General Practitioners Committee (GPC) of the British Medical Association has prepared an important and wide-ranging document on the future of general practice, called [Fit for the Future](#). It sets out some of the ways general practice is moving forward and evolving, and puts forward a range of ideas and concerns about the future. The document recommends that every practice should have a Patient Participation Group (PPG) and should aim to ensure that the PPG is representative of the wider practice population.

295. NICE jobs

In the next few months the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) will begin work on developing a number of clinical guidelines on topics which are relevant to primary care. Recruitment takes place through their [website](#). There is an attendance fee payable to patient/carer members, as well as expenses. If you are interested in any of these, why not make a note in your diary to check the NICE website on the starting date of the 4-week recruitment period, where you will find out more information: Crohn's Disease (19 May - 16 June), Neutropenic sepsis in cancer patients (7 June – 5 July), Anaphylaxis (16 June- 14 July), Peripheral Arterial Disease (18 June - 16 July), Incontinence in neurological disease (30 June – 28 July), Hyperglycaemia (6 July – 3 August), Headaches (12 August – 9 September). They are already recruiting at the same weblink for a public health topic on preventing the progression from pre-diabetes to type 2 diabetes among high-risk groups. If you have any queries or would like more information, please email [ppiprecruitment@nice.org.uk](mailto:ppiprecruitment@nice.org.uk)

296. National Consultation on uses of bodily material

The Nuffield Council on Bioethics is today launching a UK-wide public consultation on the ethical issues raised by the provision of bodily material, such as organs, eggs and sperm, for medical treatment and research. Responses can be submitted online via their dedicated consultation website: <https://consultation.nuffieldbioethics.org>. Alternatively, you can email your response to: [consultation@nuffieldbioethics.org](mailto:consultation@nuffieldbioethics.org). The deadline for responses is **13 July 2010**, with a final report expected in Autumn 2011.

297. Experience sought

In Ilminster, two practices are going to operate from the same building. One of the practices has a PPG and the other does not. The existing PPG would like to set up a single PPG that covers the two practices and wonders if any other NAPP members have been through this situation. They would like to learn from your experiences, good or bad. If you are able to help, please email [admin@napp.org.uk](mailto:admin@napp.org.uk) who will forward your email to the current PPG chairman.

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