



E-Bulletin from National Association for Patient Participation Issue Number 110 September 2016

1. Latest N.A.P.P. News

- a. Trustees sought:** N.A.P.P. is seeking to appoint up to four Trustees to join its dynamic, well-connected Board. Trustees provide strategic leadership to N.A.P.P. UK-wide and are expected to attend at least four meetings per year and our annual conference, and to commit up to one to two days per month to prepare for, and act upon, Board decisions, and represent the charity. Applications are welcome from members of PPGs and from the wider community. Further details are on the home page of the [N.A.P.P. website](#). Applications must be received no later than 21st October. For a recruitment pack, please email recruitment@napp.org.uk
- b. Thanks for your responses:** In early August, we circulated information about a Patient Assessment Tool for side effects of medicine. Over the next four weeks the researchers based in the Universities of Birmingham and Kent, received almost 700 responses, an average of 175 per week. Prior to N.A.P.P.'s involvement, there were only around 30 responses. Thanks to our members, N.A.P.P. has gained a reputation as an organisation which can guarantee high levels of response for researchers. Thank you to all who have responded to this and other similar requests in the past.
- c. Diary dates**
- N.A.P.P. Annual Conference:** Provisional date 24th June 2017. Location South East
- PPG Awareness Week:** Usually the week prior to the conference, so likely to be week beginning 19th June 2017
- Self Care Week, "Understanding Self Care for Life, 14th-20th" November 20th 2016,** is aimed at improving health literacy. Information, resources, key messages, ideas and tips can be downloaded [here](#).

2. Two important publications on patient involvement in Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPS)

Every Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) in England has a Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP), based on needs of local populations, showing how local services will evolve and become sustainable over the next five years to deliver better patient care and improved NHS efficiency. Two new documents set out clearly how CCGs should ensure that patients are engaged in this process. Both provide opportunities for PPGs to ensure that their CCG is aware of this responsibility and that patients are engaged in a meaningful way.

a. Engaging local people

NHS England has published national advice for local health and social care leaders, setting out how to put the communities they serve at the heart of their work. This [document](#) aims to clarify expectations on stakeholder involvement, in particular patient and public participation. It also covers legal duties around engagement and consultation.

1. Patient choice planning and improvement guide

NHS England and NHS Improvement have developed a choice planning and improvement guide for CCGs to assess how well patient choice is working in the services they commission, and to highlight where improvement is required. The [guide](#) aligns with the choice framework published by the Department of Health. It states that '*Improvements are needed not only for currently commissioned services but also in the planning and development of new services, including embedding patient choice within new care models, and in STPs*'.

3. NHS England Involvement Hub

NHS England has launched a new [Involvement Hub](#), an online one-stop shop of tools, resources, best practice and training linked to patient and public participation. The hub is for healthcare commissioners and patients and the public who want to find out how to get involved in the work of NHS England. It links users to a range of resources from NHS England and other organisations, including the voluntary sector, royal colleges, patient groups and NHS organisations. If you have resources you would think would be relevant to share through the Involvement hub please email england.involvementhub@nhs.net

4. 2016 Public health profiles published

The health profiles provide a snapshot of health and wellbeing for each local authority in England using a range of charts and text. They pull together existing information in one place and contain data on a range of indicators for local populations. [Health profiles](#) are intended as conversation starters to highlight local issues and priorities for members, and for discussion at health and wellbeing boards.

5. New funding for nursing projects to improve men's health in 2017

The Queen's Nursing Institute has announced a new project funding opportunity for nurses working in the community and primary care, is specifically for projects that help improve men's health. The deadline for completed applications is 24 November 2016; projects will commence in March 2017 and last for 12 months. Funding of up to £5000 is available for up to 10 projects, along with a year-long programme of professional support from the QNI. The [programme](#) is open to all nurses who work with male clients of any age. Full guidance and the application form are on the QNI's website, and nurses who wish to discuss their ideas in advance are encouraged to contact the QNI.

6. Support for vulnerable practices

The Royal College of General Practitioners is warning that 594 GP practices across the UK at risk of closure by 2020 if more family doctors are not recruited. The RCGP is intensifying efforts to attract more trainees to the profession with a [video and guide](#) aimed at foundation doctors, medical students and sixth form students.

Using criteria including CQC reports, GP performance, patients per doctor, list closure applications, and intelligence from CCGs and Local Medical Committees, more than 20% of GP practices in parts of England have been identified as 'vulnerable' or 'struggling'. NHS England announced £10m of funding for these practices last year, and has now expanded to £40m as part of a "resilience" programme under the GP Forward View. The [programme](#) offers commissioners and practices financial support to strengthen local primary care provision.

7. General Practice Forward View Jargon Buster

The Royal College of General Practitioners have provided on their website a useful '[jargon buster](#)'. If you want to know what is meant by GP Access hubs or practice resilience, you will find it here.

8. Diary Dates

Self Care conference 26th September London: More details [here](#).

9. Get your N.A.P.P. member password now!

The Members' pages of N.A.P.P.'s website contain **key resources available only to affiliated PPGs and CCGs**. To get your PPG's login details, **visit the website, click on Members and use the screen instructions**. We recommend each PPG to have a group email address as the username for the login.

10. Reminders: Please email this bulletin to fellow members promptly. We do not send hard copies of e-bulletins. All bulletins can be accessed at <http://www.napp.org.uk/ebulletins.html>

Edith Todd,

Trustee, September 2016