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## E-Bulletin from National Association for Patient Participation Issue Number 85: May 2014

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

#### a. PPG Awareness Week: June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>

**Tell us what you will be doing and how it went! Send us your reports, photos or video clips to [admin@napp.org.uk](mailto:admin@napp.org.uk).** The focus this year is the conference theme of 'Quality in General Practice'. We know that many PPGs, practices and CCGs have events and activities planned for the week to highlight the good work that PPGs do and how they can influence the quality in primary care. It can also be a fertile recruiting opportunity. The campaign [Resource Pack](#) is still on the home page templates for posters, hints on press releases and ideas from successful events and activities which worked well last year.

#### b. Chief Executive Stephanie Varah

In 2010, our Chief Executive, Stephanie Varah joined N.A.P.P. on a six month part-time contract. After four years working closely with the Board, she will leave N.A.P.P. in June 2014 to explore personal interests and new opportunities. Trustees are grateful for her unfailing enthusiasm for patient engagement, her tenacious and energetic pursuit of N.A.P.P.'s interests with stakeholders, corporate organisations and the NHS and for the inspiration she has provided. She will be much missed and we wish her every success in her future endeavours. We know that many of our members will also wish her well. [stephanie@napp.org.uk](mailto:stephanie@napp.org.uk)

#### c. Annual Conference 'Quality in General Practice 7<sup>th</sup> June 2014 in Leeds

The conference is now fully booked with several people ready to take cancelled places. A full report will be on our website as soon as possible after the event.

### 2. 'Save General Practice' plea by GPs

Hundreds of thousands of patients will be asked to sign a petition calling on the four governments of the UK to save general practice. The [petition](#), which will be accompanied by a hard-hitting poster showing long queues of people waiting outside a GP practice in a nightmare vision of the future, will be sent out to every surgery in the UK over the next week.

The petition and poster, which have been produced by the Royal College of General Practitioners and the National Association for Patient Participation, call on the governments of the UK to reverse the swingeing cuts made to the funding of general practice over the last decade, which many believe have left some services struggling to survive.

### 3. NIHR 'Ok to ask' campaign encourages patients to take part in research

Since 2006 the National Institute for Health Care Research has invested in world-class research facilities so that the UK is now a global leader in the search for new treatments and therapies to help patients. The NHS has a duty to advance and promote this research. And under the NHS Constitution patients have a right to information about appropriate research they might possibly take part in. The [campaign](#) calls on patients and carers to ask their doctor about NHS research they can take part in.

### 4. Open house doe citizen participation

Olivia Butterworth, NHS England's head of public voice, has issued an open invitation to citizens who want to find out more about the work of NHS England's patients and information directorate. Citizens are offered the [opportunity](#) on 17 June 2014 from 10:00 to 15:30 in York, Leicester, Basingstoke and London to see and hear about what is being developed and to contribute their experiences, ideas and expertise. [Visit the Open House website.](#)

Open House Days are a fantastic opportunity for patients and the public to influence the work of NHS England at national and regional level and will provide you with the opportunity to hear about and influence the Patients and Information Directorate's national programmes such as care.data. Open House days are an opportunity for patients and the public to influence how NHS England delivers data, transparency, participation and digital services to ensure the best possible outcomes for patients and citizens.

## 5. Pilot of new scheme to help GPs tackle long-term conditions

In partnership with the King's Fund, the Health Foundation, five clinical commissioning groups and the Renal Registry, NHS England is to launch a new pilot scheme, covering 150,000 people, that aims to help general practitioners assess the care and support needs of people with long-term conditions. The launch follows the publication of a recent report from The King's Fund, '[Supporting people to manage their own health: an introduction to patient activation](#)', which introduces a new assessment tool known as patient activation and its potential for application in England.

This tool is designed to help GPs put people with long-term conditions at the centre of the care and support they receive. It measures the knowledge, skills and confidence these patients have to manage their own health, and highlights where they need extra support.

## 6. Health Education England recruiting to its Patient Advisory Forum.

Health Education England (HEE) exists to help improve the quality of care delivered to patients by ensuring that its future workforce has the right numbers, skills, values and behaviours to meet their needs today and tomorrow. Ensuring that patient and public voice is crucial and they are seeking applications from patients, service users, carers and relatives of patients, and the general public to become a Patient and Public Voice Partner on HEE's new Patient Advisory Forum. If you are passionate about ensuring the patient voice is present and powerful, place high value on ensuring equality of opportunity and are committed to promoting and championing diversity, please consider applying. It is important that you have a keen interest in the NHS, a commitment to the values set out in the NHS Constitution. For more information and to apply please visit: <http://hee.nhs.uk/work-programmes/advisory-groups/> or contact Catherine Dale, Strategy Lead: email [HEE.PAFrecruitment@nhs.net](mailto:HEE.PAFrecruitment@nhs.net)

Tel: 0113 2952080 **Closing date: 5pm, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

## 7. Get your N.A.P.P. member password now!

The Members' pages of the N.A.P.P. website contain **key resources available only to affiliated PPGs and CCGs**. For your PPG's unique login details for use by all the members of your PPG, (but not to be divulged to others), **visit the website, click on Members and use the screen instructions**. The response will come from [server@serifwebresources.com](mailto:server@serifwebresources.com)

## 8. Reminders:

**Please forward this bulletin to fellow members as promptly as possible. We do not send hard copies of e-bulletins. This and all previous-bulletins are at <http://www.napp.org.uk/ebulletins.html>**

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