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# E-Bulletin from National Association for Patient Participation Issue Number 77: September 2013

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

### **Primary Care Researchers need you! Get involved.**

Academic health and social care researchers who want to achieve ethics and governance acceptance and funding, are required to involve patients and the public in their projects **People willing to participate are in great demand.** In our Christmas 2010 E-bulletin (no 48) we noted that N.A.P.P. was being approached, often at quite short notice, by University research teams seeking members of PPGs to be involved in Primary Care projects

N.A.P.P. established a regional register of members to be matched with the researchers and contacted quickly. If you register, your details are held only by N.A.P.P. and are not released to any third party without your agreement. It would not imply any commitment, but you would be contacted first by N.A.P.P. and then give or refuse permission for the research team to contact you directly.

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

Since January 2011, over 500 new PPGs and PRGs have joined N.A.P.P. and their members may also wish to be involved. **If you are interested, please email [edith.todd@napp.org.uk](mailto:edith.todd@napp.org.uk), giving the following details: Name, email address, telephone number, name of your PPG and, if possible, its membership number.**

**If you have already registered your interest, you will receive an email shortly to establish whether you want your details to remain on the register.**

## 2. Video: Putting Patients First

NHS England has produced this short [video](#), highlighting some of the ways in which staff have been working, since April 2013, to improve transparency and health services for patients.

## 3. Diabetes UK's Type 2 diabetes Awareness Campaign Launch

On 23 September 2013, the largest ever public awareness [campaign](#) about type 2 diabetes Diabetes UK will be launched. It will be communicated through outdoor, digital and radio advertising, as well as through Tesco channels for a two-week burst throughout the UK. The aim is to inform people of the risk factors of type 2 diabetes and enable people to understand their risk of developing the condition. Advertising will drive people to Diabetes UK's online risk score or into pharmacies for an assessment with information on what people should do next, depending on their risk level.

## 4. Shingles vaccine for people between 70 and 79

Public Health England, the body now responsible for public health and for addressing health inequalities in England, has announced that people aged 70 and 79 will be offered a shingles vaccination this year, as part of a vaccination [programme](#) which aims to reduce the incidence and severity of shingles disease in older people. A catch-up programme to protect those aged 70 to 79 years will also be rolled out over several years, starting with those aged 79 years on 1 September 2013. The new shingles immunisation programme is being introduced from 1 September 2013 comprising a single injection to last a lifetime, offered routinely to patients who are aged 70 (as at 1 September 2013).

## 5. Longer waiting times for GP Appointments

In the latest [survey](#) by the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP), over 70% of GPs are forecasting longer waiting times for GP appointments within the next two years - as nearly half (47%) reveal that they have cut back on the range of services they provide for patients. Over 80% of respondents said that they lack resources to provide high quality patient care

## 6. Chief Inspector of General Practice appointed

Professor Steve Field, currently the Deputy National Medical Director at NHS England, and immediate past Chair of the Royal College of GPs, has been appointed as Chief Inspector of General Practice. He will lead CQC's inspection and regulation of providers of primary care services across all sectors and will champion the interests of people who use services, make judgements about the quality of care, ensure that health and adult social care services join up seamlessly, and introduce a ratings system for registered primary care providers. [Read more](#)

## 7. NHS England invites local communities to help shape the future of general practice

NHS England is engaging with local communities, clinicians and stakeholders, about the best possible way to develop general practice for the future. NHS England wants general practice to play an even stronger role at the heart of more integrated out of hospital services that deliver better health outcomes, more personalised care, excellent patient experience and the most efficient possible use of NHS resources. Read more, [here](#).

## 8. NHS Revalidation Support Team Patient and Public Involvement Project – your help is requested

The Revalidation Support Team is undertaking a piece of work this year looking at the impact of patient and public voice in the processes which support revalidation of doctors. The intention is to highlight areas of good practice, and to improve understanding of where lay input seems to have the greatest impact and the factors which contribute to its success. The team is interested in speaking to anyone involved in the processes which underpin revalidation, at local, regional or national levels. If you can help with this, please reply to [Adrian.Morrissey@rst.nhs.uk](mailto:Adrian.Morrissey@rst.nhs.uk)

## 9. 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 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)

## 10. Reminders:

**Please forward this bulletin to fellow members as promptly as possible.**

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