

## **E-Bulletin from the National Association for Patient Participation: Issue 37: January 2010**

### **260. Update on the Growing Patient Participation campaign**

The fourth [update](#) on the Growing Patient Participation campaign has now been published. It includes a link to case studies of Patient Participation Groups (PPGs) as well as to the communications toolkit that has been developed to help both new and established PPGs. Note that you can receive these updates directly by registering [here](#).

### **261. Wincanton PPG using the web to promote its activities**

Information about local activities is increasingly available online, in addition to the traditional newspaper model. Wincanton PPG now has a regular feature in the [Wincanton Window](#). This can be used to publicise events and to raise awareness of the PPG itself.

### **262. English NHS Plan unveiled for 2010-2015**

The Secretary of State for Health, Andy Burnham, has published details of how the government intends to implement their [vision](#) of a preventive, person-centred and productive NHS. It should offer fresh opportunities for PPGs who are active in promoting health and encouraging self-care. Equally, it should strengthen the role that PPGs can play in working with their practices and beyond to improve the patient experience.

### **263. New guidance on promoting health**

The Royal Society for Public Health has issued new [guidance](#) aimed at promoting health and well-being and reducing inequalities. This includes some powerful messages, such as:

- the importance of working with communities when designing health promotion approaches
- recognising that “promoting health is not (mainly) about services”
- the need to commission in a way that makes the healthier choices, the easier choices.

### **264. South West Conference in February**

This NAPP regional conference will take place on 2nd February in Taunton. Click [here](#) for more details and to register for the event.

265. Invitation from the Council for Healthcare Regulatory Excellence

The Council for Healthcare Regulatory Excellence (CHRE) has organised a series of six interactive meetings to be held in London, Liverpool, Cardiff, Edinburgh and Belfast. They would like to invite PPG members to attend any one of these meetings that are convenient. There is no charge and CHRE has an expenses policy that can be viewed at <https://www.chre.org.uk/public/199>

The programme for the day is designed to help de-mystify the role of regulation in the health sector and to explore the role of the patient and members of the public in shaping regulation policy. Various exercises will enable you to get involved and lend your voice to some ongoing debates in the field of professional regulation. To see draft programmes for each event, please visit <https://www.chre.org.uk/public/199>.

**You can register by emailing [reception@chre.org.uk](mailto:reception@chre.org.uk) or by calling them on 020 7389 8030. When you email or telephone, please clearly state your full name, the date and location of the event you wish to register for. *If booking a place at events in Cardiff or Liverpool, please let the CHRE know if you wish to speak Welsh at the meeting in order for them to make the necessary arrangements.***

266. Continued sponsorship from EMIS

Finally, we are delighted to announce that [EMIS](#) are continuing their sponsorship of NAPP for a further year. We are extremely grateful for their support.

***Late news: A further £10,000 has been added to the 'Making a Difference' fund designed to support the activity of Patient Participation Groups (PPGs) in England. The increase comes after an overwhelming response to the first round, with over 100 applications received from those looking to secure a share of the £20,000 initially made available.***

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