

Dear Colleague,

Welcome to the April edition of our Public Involvement update from the Public Involvement Programme (PIP) at NICE. For more information about how we involve patients and the public in NICE's work please visit our [get involved](#) page on the NICE website. If you would like information on all of NICE's work, please subscribe to our [NICE newsletter and alerts](#). NICE is also on Twitter – for news and updates please follow [@NICEComms](#). For messages specifically from the PIP [@NICEGetInvolved](#).

Healthwatch organisations and national patient, carer and voluntary organisations are welcome to get involved in the development of NICE guidance if you would like to. To do this for clinical, public health, social care guidance and quality standards, you will need to register as a stakeholder organisation for the specific topics of interest to you: [NICE stakeholder registration](#).

If you have any comments about the content of this update or ideas about what you'd like to see in the next edition, please contact [sally.taylor@nice.org.uk](mailto:sally.taylor@nice.org.uk)

## **Opportunities to get involved** (*click the header links*)

NICE committees and working groups are made up of health, social care and other professionals and practitioners, patients, service users, carers and members of the public and technical experts. Current vacancies are listed on [this page](#), all vacancies close at 5pm on the day of the deadline unless otherwise stated. This is a list of vacancies for patients, service users, carers and lay people.

### **Current recruitment**

- **PartoSure to predict preterm labour in women with intact membranes diagnostic advisory committee**

Closes 5pm; 25 May 2017

**Current consultations** (*Click the header links*)

We are aware that sometimes our consultation deadlines mean that it isn't possible for organisations to engage with their members as much as they might like. To try and help with this, NICE has a [database of milestone dates](#) for its clinical guideline programme. This means that you can see when consultations are scheduled in advance of the consultation starting. You can also see all the topics you might be interested in [registering as a stakeholder](#) for.

**Guidelines**

- **Child abuse and neglect**  
Consultation end date: 19 April 2017
- **Endometriosis: diagnosis and management**  
Consultation end date: 20 April 2017
- **Obesity: working with local communities**  
Consultation end date: 24 April 2017
- **Constipation in children and young people**  
Consultation end date: 26 April 2017
- **Drug misuse prevention**  
Consultation end date: 26 April 2017
- **Intermediate care including reablement**  
Consultation end date: 26 May 2017

**Quality Standards**

- **Parkinson's disease**  
Consultation end date: 20 April 2017
- **Rehabilitation after critical illness**  
Consultation end date: 21 April 2017
- **HIV testing**  
Consultation end date: 21 April 2017
- **Drug misuse prevention**  
Consultation end date: 26 April 2017
- **Physical health of people in prison**  
Consultation end date: 09 May 2017

### Interventional Procedures

- **Laparoscopic insertion of a magnetic titanium ring for gastro-oesophageal reflux disease**  
Consultation end date: 20 April 2017
- **Transcatheter aortic valve implantation (transcatheter aortic valve replacement) for aortic stenosis (IP685/3)**  
Consultation end date: 27 April 2017
- **Biodegradable spacer insertion to reduce rectal toxicity during radiotherapy for prostate cancer**  
Consultation end date: 10 May 2017
- **Liposuction for chronic lymphoedema**  
Consultation end date: 10 May 2017
- **Radiofrequency treatment of haemorrhoids**  
Consultation end date: 10 May 2017

### News (Click the header links)

- **NICE says pancreatic cancer drug is not cost effective for routine NHS use**  
NICE says that a drug for metastatic pancreatic cancer is not beneficial enough to justify its high cost for routine NHS use
- **HIV testing should be seen as routine practice, says NICE in new draft quality standard**  
Millions of people could be offered HIV tests during routine appointments as outlined by NICE.
- **NICE plays key role in European project to help give better care to patients with blood cancers**  
NICE will help improve care for people with blood cancers through a pioneering new partnership.
- **Postmenopausal women with a family history of breast cancer should be offered anastrozole, says NICE in updated guidance**  
Post-menopausal women with a family history of breast cancer should be offered anastrozole, NICE has said in updated guidance.
- **Checks needed every year for people with a mental health problem in the criminal justice system, says NICE**  
NICE has published final guidance saying that people who are diagnosed with a mental health problem within the criminal justice system should receive annual checks, and staff should be trained to spot the warning signs.

- NICE strengthens engagement with LSE Health**  
NICE and LSE Health will boost their research and educational activities aimed at informing health policy and practice across the UK.
- NICE says head and neck cancer drug is not cost effective**  
NICE has published draft guidance saying the cost of using nivolumab to treat head and neck cancer is too high for routine NHS use.
- Councils and sexual health services should consider providing free condoms to reduce STIs, says NICE**  
Condoms should be more widely available to reduce rates of sexually transmitted infections (STIs), NICE has said in new guidance.
- Emerging technology which aims to improve muscle movement is NICE's 100th medtech innovation briefing**  
NICE's advice series on new or novel healthcare technology reaches a milestone

**Newly Published Guidance** *(click the links)*

For the full list of last month's guidance, please click [here](#).

Ref	Title	Type
NG68	<b>Sexually transmitted infections: condom distribution schemes</b>	Guideline

**Noticeboard – Sharing Information, Events and Updates in Patient and Public Involvement**

To request to feature on the Noticeboard, please contact [sally.taylor@nice.org.uk](mailto:sally.taylor@nice.org.uk)

**'NICE 2017 Stakeholder Reputation Survey'**

We would like your help!

NICE would like to hear what you think of the organisation and your experiences of engaging with us. You can tell us your opinions via filling in [a short survey](#) which takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. The survey will close on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017**.