

Dear Colleague,

Welcome to the May 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 [e-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](#).

With the announcement of the general election on 8th June NICE has now entered a period of purdah. As a public body, NICE is required to follow civil service principles on communicating during the lead up to the general election. This means that whilst work in our guidance programmes will carry on, our communications activities will reduce.

The [official General Election guidance](#) covers events, news, blogs and social media activity. It will apply from 22 April until 9 June 2017 (or until a new Government is formed).

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.

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
- **Intravenous feeding of newborn babies guideline 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

- **Intermediate care including reablement**
Consultation end date: 26 May 2017
- **Faltering growth - recognition and management of faltering growth in children**
Consultation end date: 01 June 2017

Quality Standards

- **Physical health of people in prison**
Consultation end date: 09 May 2017
- **End of life care for infants, children and young people**
Consultation end date: 16 May 2017

News (*Click the header links*)

- **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.
- **Terminally ill children should have access to around-the-clock homecare, says NICE**
NICE has published a draft standard aiming to improve end of life care for children in England.
- **Test people for infections as they enter prison, says NICE**
NICE has published a draft standard aiming to address the variation in health checks offered by prisons in England.

- 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	Sexually transmitted infections: condom distribution schemes	Guideline
QS149	Osteoporosis	Quality Standard

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

Patient decision aids

As part of NICE's commitment to shared decision making in health and care, we have produced a set of patient decision aids for women at risk of familial breast cancer <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg164/resources>. They are designed support women to make informed decisions about their care and treatment, in partnership with healthcare professionals. Visit our website for more information about [shared decision making](#) and how we're working to put patients at the heart of decisions about their treatment and care.