

Dear Colleague,

Welcome to the August 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](#).

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

- **Promoting health and preventing premature mortality in black, Asian and other minority ethnic groups**
Closes 23.59pm; 17 August 2017
- **Colorectal (bowel) cancer**
Closes 5pm; 31 August 2017

News (Click the header links)

- **Autistic people will receive better care if GPs develop a national register, says NICE**
NICE is calling on GPs to develop a national autism register to ensure autistic people receive the tailored care they need.

News continued (Click the header links)

- **£3 a day drug for irritable bowel syndrome gets NICE approval**

The drug, Truberzi has been recommended for routine funding on the NHS to treat patients with irritable bowel syndrome and diarrhoea (IBS-D).

- **New NICE advice about when to give antibiotics for common infections**

For the first time NICE is giving specific advice for doctors and nurses about when and how to prescribe antibiotics for conditions such as sore throats and colds.

- **NICE approval for nivolumab provides new treatment for advanced blood cancer**

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- **NICE approves more tolerable treatment for blood cancer**

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- **A new treatment option for people with kidney cancer**

People with advanced kidney cancer are set to benefit from a new treatment, after NICE has said cabozantinib should be available on the NHS.

- **Statins should be offered to everyone who has chronic kidney disease, says NICE**

Healthcare professionals should offer statins to millions of people with chronic kidney disease (CKD). This will help to manage their increased risk of cardiovascular disease (CVD), says NICE.

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

- **Emergency and acute medical care in over 16s: service delivery and organisation**
Consultation end date: 14 August 2017
- **Macular degeneration**
Consultation end date: 24 August 2017
- **Oesophago-gastric cancer**
Consultation end date: 07 September 2017
- **Depression in adults: treatment and management**
Consultation end date: 12 September 2017
- **Heavy menstrual bleeding (update)**
Consultation end date: 13 September 2017
- **Pancreatic cancer: diagnosis and management in adults**
Consultation end date: 18 September 2017
- **Suspected neurological conditions**
Consultation end date: 26 September 2017

Newly Published Guidance *(click the links)*

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

Ref	Title	Type
NG71	Parkinson's disease in adults	Guideline
QS155	Low back pain and sciatica in over 16s	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

NICE training workshop: ‘Introduction to NICE’ – 22 November 2017

The NICE Public Involvement Programme runs training workshops (‘Masterclasses’) for third-sector stakeholder organisations.

Details can be found on the [NICE Public Involvement masterclasses website page](#).

On **Wednesday 22 November 2017**, we are planning to run our introductory session ‘**Introduction to NICE**’ at the **NICE offices, Central London** which may be of interest to you, as our patient/public involvement colleagues. The full agenda will be on the webpage shortly. Attendance is free, but we are unable to pay for travel. If you are interested in attending, please see the details on the webpage and then contact us: by email PIP@nice.org.uk, or phone 0161 370 3020, to request a formal invitation and booking form. Places are limited to one per organisation and are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Closing date for expression of interest: **Friday 16 September 2017**

Consultation: draft national standards for public involvement in research

During 2016/17, Health and Care Research Wales, the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR), the Chief Scientist Office in Scotland and the Public Health Agency in Northern Ireland have been working with public contributors as the ‘Public Involvement Standards Development Partnership’.

The partnership has been developing a set of national, core standards and indicators for public involvement (PI) in research that can be used by organisations, research projects and individuals to improve the quality and consistency of PI.

We now invite and welcome the involvement of as wide a range of interested groups, organisations and individuals as possible, to help us review and improve the draft standards and indicators.

Please visit our project website for more detailed information about the consultation process and to access all the resources you might need:

<https://sites.google.com/nih.ac.uk/pi-standards/consultation>

You can also go direct to the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PIStandards>

The consultation will be running until **Friday 01 September 2017**.

If you have any questions or queries about the consultation please contact the PPI team at the NIHR Central Commissioning Facility:

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