



Dear Colleague,

Welcome to the November 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](mailto:sally.taylor@nice.org.uk).



## Quick guide for people using intermediate care services.

We've launched a [Quick Guide: Understanding intermediate care, including reablement](#).

The guide is specifically written for people using intermediate care services, and is based on our [guideline](#) which published in September.

## **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**

- **Thyroid disease guideline committee**  
Closes 5pm; 13 November 2017
- **Venous thromboembolic diseases guideline update committee**  
Closes 5pm: 213 November 2017
- **Postnatal care up to 8 weeks after birth guideline committee**  
Closes 5pm: 15 November 2017
- **Persistent pain guideline committee**  
Closes 5pm: 22 November 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**

- **Thyroid disease: assessment and management**  
Consultation end date: 13 November 2017
- **Venous thromboembolism in over 16s: reducing the risk of hospital-acquired deep vein thrombosis or pulmonary embolism (Update)**  
Consultation end date: 15 November 2017
- **Postnatal care up to 8 weeks after birth (update)**  
Consultation end date: 15 November 2017
- **Learning disabilities and behaviour that challenges: service design and delivery**  
Consultation end date: 20 November 2017
- **Persistent pain: assessment and management**  
Consultation end date: 22 November 2017

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

**Quality Standard**

- **Intermediate care including reablement**

Consultation end date: 16 November 2017

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

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

Ref	Title	Type
NG76	<b>Child abuse and neglect</b>	Guideline
NG77	<b>Cataracts in adults: management</b>	Guideline
NG78	<b>Cystic fibrosis: diagnosis and management</b>	Guideline
NG79	<b>Sinusitis (acute): antimicrobial prescribing</b>	Guideline
NG81	<b>Glaucoma: diagnosis and management</b>	Guideline
QS162	<b>Cerebral palsy in children and young people</b>	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](mailto:sally.taylor@nice.org.uk)

**NICE Shared Learning Awards**

Our [Shared Learning Awards](#) give you an opportunity to pass on your knowledge and expertise of implementing NICE guidance. Providing excellent examples of how NICE guidance and standards have been put into practice in the NHS, local authorities, voluntary sector and a range of other organisations.

The Shared Learning Awards are such an important aspect of our work. For everyone who works for and with NICE it is great to see the impact that our work has on real people.

**Submit your shared learning example** [here](#)

The deadline to submit your shared learning example for entries for the 2018 [NICE Shared Learning Awards](#) will be **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

## News (Click the header links)

- **Inherited risk of high cholesterol should be identified and treated as early as possible, NICE says in updated guidance**

Medical records should be checked to identify people who may be at risk of common inherited cholesterol disorder familial hypercholesterolaemia (FH), NICE says.

- **People at a low risk of developing glaucoma can avoid unnecessary referral, says NICE.**

NICE's updated guideline on glaucoma will mean fewer people need to be referred for further specialist investigation and possible treatment.

- **Antibiotics should not be used to treat the majority of sinus infections, NICE says**

NICE is advising healthcare professionals to tell their patients that a sinus infection will likely clear-up without antibiotics and that there is little evidence oral decongestants will help to relieve their symptoms.

- **Take a patient-centred approach to treating cataracts**

The decision to have cataract surgery should be based on whether the patient thinks surgery is right for them, says NICE in new guidance.

- **People with cystic fibrosis could be monitored through phone or video messaging, says NICE**

Patients with cystic fibrosis could avoid having to travel to specialist clinics if health professionals could monitor them using phone or video messaging

- **Antibiotic resistance is now “common” in urinary tract infections**

The number of urinary tract infections (UTIs) caused by drug resistant bacteria is increasing, new data shows.

- **Hundreds of patients to have access to head and neck cancer drug after new deal, says NICE**

Nivolumab is recommended for use within the Cancer Drugs Fund (CDF) for some patients with head and neck cancer.

- **New treatment option for people with gastrointestinal cancer**

More people will be able to receive regorafenib now that NICE has said it should move out of the Cancer Drugs Fund (CDF) and into routine NHS funding.

- **Responding to child abuse and neglect - a view from NICE**

Children who have experienced abuse or neglect could be offered therapy; and their parents sent on programmes to support their families better, new guidance from NICE says.



## NICE FELLOWSHIPS: Extend your influence

NICE Fellows work to raise the profile of NICE and encourage adoption of high-quality care and innovative practices.

### As a NICE Fellow, you will:

- **Act** as an ambassador for NICE for three years, at regional and national levels, among your professional groups and peers
- **Support** and maintain the connection between NICE and an established network of health and social care experts
- **Access** expertise across our departments through a series of workshops
- **Engage** directly with senior staff from NICE and the health and social care sector
- **Work** with us to improve and promote the quality of health and social care

NICE Fellowships are suited to roles such as medical and clinical directors, directors of nursing, heads of midwifery, directors of finance, heads of services for the allied health professions, directors/heads of adults and children's services, directors of provider services in social care and heads of services in the charitable and voluntary sector.

*"It has been a privilege to hold a NICE Fellowship over the last year. I have been impressed by the professionalism and transparency of the organisation and I have received excellent support from those who run the scheme. I've been impressed by the quality and seniority of NICE representatives who have presented at the Fellows and Scholars meetings."*

Peter Jenks, NICE Fellow 2015-18

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## NICE SCHOLARSHIPS: Join the network

NICE Scholarships allow you to find out about the inner workings of NICE and undertake a supported improvement project, related to our guidance.

### As a NICE Scholar, you will:

- **Join** an active network of individuals passionate about improving the quality of care
- **Complete** a 12-month project focusing on delivering high-quality health or social care
- **Receive** support from senior NICE staff and access expertise across NICE through a series of workshops
- **Gain** insight into NICE methodology
- **Support** and encourage the development of evidence-based high-quality care

NICE Scholarships are suited to roles such as principal social workers or other senior/supervisory staff; registrars and managers; public health specialists; senior nurses, midwives and allied health professionals; lay members on NICE committees and individuals working in the charitable and voluntary sector.

*“I have thoroughly enjoyed my experience as a NICE scholar, particularly benefitting from the workshops, which I found interesting, insightful and stimulating, and the opportunity to meet and develop relationships with professionals working in very different aspects of health and social care from me.”*

Caroline Forde, NICE Scholar 2016-17

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