



Dear Colleague,

Welcome to the December 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 [newsletters and alerts](#). NICE is also on Twitter – for news and updates please follow [@NICEComms](#). For messages specifically from the PIP follow us at [@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.



Did you know...?



Our published guidelines are regularly checked to see if they need updating.

With 279 guidelines, and counting, we have a dedicated team who gather the information and assess whether each guideline needs updating.

The team use a range of methods to gather information, including evidence reviews, questionnaires and information on the implementation of the guideline so far.

Public consultations are held, at scheduled intervals, if the team don't have the information to warrant a guideline update. This is where you come in. You may know of research, policy and practice that could influence whether a guideline is updated.

Get involved by [registering as a stakeholder](#) and [commenting during consultation](#).

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

- **Care before, during and after an operation guideline committee**
Closes 5pm; 13 December 2017
- **Multiple obstetric updates guideline committee - hypertension in pregnancy**
Closes 5pm: 18 December 2017
- **Venous thromboembolic diseases guideline update committee**
Closes 5pm: 18 December 2017
- **Lead-I electrocardiogram (ECG) devices for detecting atrial fibrillation diagnostics advisory committee**
Closes 5pm: 29 December 2017
- **Tinnitus guideline committee**
Closes 5pm: 31 December 2017
- **Workplace health - long term sickness and incapacity to work update committee**
Closes 5pm: 09-January 2018
- **Quality standards advisory committee**
Closes 5pm: 15 January 2018

Newly Published Guidance *(click the links)*

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

| Ref | Title | Type |
|------|--|-----------|
| NG80 | Asthma: diagnosis, monitoring and chronic asthma management | Guideline |
| NG81 | Glaucoma: diagnosis and management | Guideline |

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.

Guideline

- **Perioperative care**
Topic engagement end date: 13 December 2017
- **Peripheral arterial disease: diagnosis and management (standing committee update)**
Consultation end date: 14 December 2017
- **Care and support of older people with learning disabilities**
Consultation end date: 15 December 2017
- **Tinnitus**
Consultation end date: 21 December 2017

News (*Click the header links*)

- **New ways to diagnose and manage asthma can improve care, says NICE**
New tests to help diagnose asthma and a change in how medicines are offered can help people take control of their asthma, NICE says in new guidance.
- **People with eating disorders benefit from specialist CBT and self-help programmes, says NICE**
Adults with eating disorders could benefit from specialised cognitive behavioural therapy which aims to help patients better understand their condition, the new NICE draft quality standard says.
- **Remove earwax if a build-up is causing hearing loss problems, NICE tells primary care**
GP surgeries or community clinics should offer to remove earwax if a build-up is contributing to someone's hearing loss.
- **Breast cancer patients to have routine access to two life extending drugs after new deal, say NICE in draft guidance**
NICE has recommended palbociclib and ribociclib for routine funding after the companies lowered the prices and gave more evidence for their effectiveness.

News (Click the header links)

- **Use antibiotics effectively to reduce drug-resistance**

Good management of antibiotics can halve the number of people picking-up drug-resistant infections in hospital, new data suggests.

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: ‘Interventional Procedures and Medical Technologies Evaluation Programmes Masterclass for Patient Organisations’ – 23 February 2018

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 **Friday 23rd February 2018**, we are planning to run our introductory session ‘**Interventional Procedures and Medical Technologies Evaluation Programmes Masterclass for Patient Organisations**’ 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 22 December 2017**

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 26th January 2018**



Finally, have a very lovely festive season from all at NICE!