



Dear Colleague,

Welcome to the February 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.



We need people with lived experience of mental health rehabilitation to join a new NICE committee.

NICE has been asked to develop guidance on rehabilitation services for people with complex needs. The first of these guidelines will be on rehabilitation in people with severe and enduring mental illness. People with complex and ongoing mental illness often benefit from specialist rehabilitation services to support them in moving towards living safely and independently in the community.

We need people with lived experience, their carers and advocates to help us develop the guideline. People who are interested in helping with this project can [see our website for more details](#) or contact erin.whittingham@nice.org.uk , 0161 870 3022

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

- **Hip, knee and shoulder joint replacement guideline committee**
Closes 5pm; 08 February 2018
- **Rehabilitation in people with severe and enduring mental illness guideline committee**
Closes 5pm: 19 February 2018

Newly Published Guidance *(click the links)*

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

Ref	Title	Type
NG82	Age-related macular degeneration	Guideline
NG83	Oesophago-gastric cancer: assessment and management in adults	Guideline
NG84	Sore throat (acute): antimicrobial prescribing	Guideline

News *(Click the header links)*

- **Community pharmacy to promote health and wellbeing**
The majority of sore throats do not need antibiotics and medicated lozenges may only help to reduce pain by a small amount, NICE says.
- **NICE consults on updated recommendations for the treatment and care of people with early breast cancer**
NICE's draft updated guideline on early and locally advanced breast cancer calls for extended hormonal therapy for some women after they've taken tamoxifen in order to reduce the risk of their breast cancer coming back.
- **Opportunity to improve care for people with suspected late stage macular degeneration, says NICE.**
People with suspected late AMD (wet active) should be referred to a macula service within one working day, says NICE in guidance published today.

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

- **Dementia - assessment, management and support for people living with dementia and their carers**
Consultation end date: 13 February 2018
- **Venous thromboembolic diseases: diagnosis, management and thrombophilia testing (2019)**
Consultation end date: 13 February 2018
- **Type 2 diabetes: prevention in people at high risk**
Consultation end date: 13 February 2018
- **Community pharmacy to promote health and wellbeing**
Consultation end date: 21 February 2018
- **Brain tumours (primary) and brain metastases in adults**
Consultation end date: 23 February 2018
- **Rheumatoid arthritis (update)**
Consultation end date: 01 March 2018
- **Early and locally advanced breast cancer (update)**
Consultation end date: 06 March 2018

Quality Standard

- **Spondyloarthritis**
Consultation end date: 23 February 2018
- **Medicines management for people receiving social care in the community**
Consultation end date: 23 February 2018



NICEimpact Cancer Report

Our new **NICEimpact** reports review how NICE recommendations for evidence-based and cost-effective care are being used in priority areas of the health and care system, helping to improve outcomes where this is needed most.

One in 2 people will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime, and the disease is responsible for more than a quarter of all deaths in the UK of cancer. **Click on the report** to consider how NICE's evidence-based guidance might contribute to improvements in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

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

Call for applications from mental health service users and carers: involvement in a Lived Experience Working Group for a new Mental Health Policy Research Unit.

The Department of Health has set up a new Mental Health Policy Research Unit (PRU), run by a research team based at University College London and Kings College London. This Unit will carry out a programme of policy-relevant research over the next five years, as agreed with the Department of Health.

We are offering paid involvement to up to 12 people with personal experience of using mental health services, or caring for friends or family members who have used services, through joining a Lived Experience Working Group for the PRU. Working Group members will attend regular meetings, and use their first-hand knowledge of mental distress and mental health service use to help guide the work of the Unit. Involvement will be offered as and when required: this is likely to approximate to one day's involvement per month.

You will need some previous experience of contributing to research or mental health service development, as well as your personal experience of using services or supporting a friend or family member who uses services.

Further information about the role and details of how to apply are available here:

https://www.ucl.ac.uk/psychiatry/vacancies/mh-pru_lewg_brief-text

The closing date for applications is: **Midnight, Sunday 25th February 2018**

Interviews will be held on **Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th March 2018**

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“Opportunity to become a public member of an NIHR Evaluation, Trials and Studies Coordinating Centre (NETSCC) Programme board or panel”

We currently have opportunities for public members of the board and panels in the **NIHR Health Services and Delivery Research (HS&DR) Programme**.

The HS&DR Programme aims to produce rigorous and relevant evidence to improve the quality, accessibility and organisation of health and social care services. Our research serves a variety of key stakeholders including: NHS managers, Clinical Research Networks (CRNs), clinicians and researchers, service users and carers, and the public. Find out more information about the [HS&DR programme remit](#).

If you feel that you could help by sharing your knowledge and experiences by becoming a Public panel or board member, then please read the information pack and complete the application form which can be found here: <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/about-us/how-we-are-managed/managing-centres/nihr-evaluation-trials-and-studies-coordinating-centre/patient-and-public-involvement-in-research/current-opportunities.htm>

The application closing date is **5pm Friday 2 March 2018**. If you have any queries please email netspublic@nihr.ac.uk or call the PPI team on **023 8059 9302**.

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