

Dear Colleague,

Welcome to the October 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)

In this month's update:

## 1. 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 recruitments

- **Management of common infections committee**  
Closes 9am; 25 October 2016
- **Assessing abnormal cervical cells - adjunctive colposcopy technologies diagnostics advisory committee**  
Closes 5pm; 02 November 2016
- **Suicide Prevention in the Criminal Justice System**  
Opens 06 October 2016 - Closes 5pm; 03 November 2016
- **Rehabilitation after Critical illness, Quality Standards Advisory Committee**  
Opens 07 October 2016

## 2. Current consultations (*Click the header links*)

We are aware that sometimes our consultation deadlines mean that it isn't possible for Healthwatches 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

- **Organ donation for transplantation: improving donor identification and consent rates for deceased organ donation : Surveillance consultation**  
Consultation end date: 14 October 2016
- **Diagnostic services : Call for evidence**  
Consultation end date: 26 October 2016
- **Spondyloarthritis : Draft guidance consultation**  
Consultation end date: 25 October 2016
- **Workplace health: support for employees with disabilities and long term conditions : Draft guidance consultation**  
Consultation end date: 11 November 2016

### Quality Standards

- **Care of dying adults in the last days of life : Quality Standard consultation**  
Consultation end date: 25 October 2016
- **Head and neck cancer : Quality Standard consultation**  
Consultation end date: 14 October 2016

### 3. News (Click the header links)

- **NICE says yes to another hepatitis C drug**  
A new drug which effectively treats more genotypes of hepatitis C has been recommended for use in the NHS.
- **NICE to recommend new drug to treat rare inherited bone disorder in children**  
NICE recommends 'lifeline' drug for babies and young children, in draft guidance.
- **NICE emphasises the importance of urgent referral in suspected melanoma**  
GPs should refer people with suspected malignant melanoma for an appointment within 2 weeks, says NICE in a new quality standard.
- **NICE issues first of its kind guidance on harmful sexual behaviour**  
Each school should have a named safeguarding lead and services should consider engaging with families before beginning an intervention, recommends NICE in new guidance.
- **Patients should be more involved in decisions about their care, says NICE**  
A new collaborative, made up of the UK's leading health care organisations including NICE, has set out plans that will help get patients more involved in decisions about their care.
- **Change in practice could prevent 250 people a year having major surgery, says NICE**  
NICE prioritises four areas of head and neck cancer care for improvement.
- **Coil is more effective than pill as emergency contraception, says NICE**  
NICE is calling for women to be told that the coil is more effective than the 'morning after pill' for emergency contraception, in a new quality standard.
- **NICE to tackle falling child vaccination rates**  
NICE is developing priorities to help ensure millions of unvaccinated children across the country get the protection they need
- **NICE recommends Cancer Drugs Fund treatment for prostate cancer for routine NHS use**  
More prostate cancer patients will receive radium-223 after NICE approved it for routine NHS use.

#### 4. Newly Published Guidance continued (click the links)

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

Ref	Title	Type
NG54	<b>Mental health problems in people with learning disabilities: prevention, assessment and management</b>	Guideline
NG55	<b>Harmful sexual behaviour among children and young people</b>	Guideline
NG56	<b>Multimorbidity: clinical assessment and management</b>	Guideline
CG181	<b>Cardiovascular disease: risk assessment and reduction, including lipid modification</b>	Guideline Update
QS 129	<b>Contraception</b>	Quality Standard
QS130	<b>Skin cancer</b>	Quality Standard
QS 131	<b>Intravenous fluid therapy in children and young people in hospital</b>	Quality Standard
QS132	<b>Social care for older people with multiple long-term conditions</b>	Quality Standard

#### 5. Noticeboard – Sharing Information, Events and Updates in Patient and Public Involvement

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