Dear Colleague,

Welcome to the August edition of our Public Involvement update from the Public Involvement Programme 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.

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 annie.emery@nice.org.uk

In this month’s update:

1. **News (Click the header links)**

- **NICE unveils safe staffing plans for nursing care in wards**
  NICE has published new guidance setting out ‘red flag events’ which warn when nurses in charge of shifts must act immediately to ensure they have enough staff to meet the needs of patients on that ward.

- **People with HIV must receive earlier diagnoses**
  Ensuring that people with HIV receive earlier diagnoses will reduce transmission and prevent thousands of further cases.

- **Reducing the spread of hepatitis B**
  NICE’s quality standard for hepatitis B can help to reduce the spread of the infection by ensuring that people who are at increased risk are offered testing and vaccination.

- **15 years of NICE**
  The NICE Annual Review 2013/14 is now available and offers a snapshot of our work over the past 12 months, as well as a look back as NICE celebrates its 15th anniversary.

- **Wider use of statins could cut deaths from heart disease**
  Up to 8,000 lives could be saved every three years by offering statins to anyone with a 10 per cent risk of developing cardiovascular disease (CVD) within a decade, says NICE.
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.

- **Accreditation process manual update for consultation**  
  2 June - 26 August 2014

- **Antenatal and postnatal mental health (update): guideline consultation**  
  16 July - 26 August 2014

- **Breast cancer (early) - intrabeam radiotherapy system: appraisal consultation**  
  25 July - 15 August 2014

- **Disability, dementia and frailty in later life - mid-life approaches to prevention: guideline consultation**  
  14 July – 5 September 2014

- **GORD in children: guideline consultation**  
  31 July – 25 September 2014

- **Implantation of a shock or load absorber for mild to moderate symptomatic medial knee osteoarthritis: guidance consultation**  
  25 July – 22 August 2014

- **NICE quality standards - the process guide**  
  10 June – 3 September 2014
3. 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:

- **Diagnostics Advisory Committee (DAC) - diagnosis of suspected malignant skin lesions: The VivaScope imaging system**
  Diagnostics assessment programme, closes **5pm, 13th August 2014**

- **Child abuse and neglect guideline development group**
  Social Care, closes **5pm, 20th August 2014**

- **Diagnostics Advisory Committee (DAC) - therapeutic drug monitoring of anti-TNFα drug levels and antibodies in inflammatory bowel disease: the LISA-TRACKER assay**
  Diagnostics assessment programme, closes **5pm, 11th September 2014**

**Upcoming recruitments:**

Check the [recruitment page](#) for upcoming recruitments and further details on start dates. The following topics will open for recruitment over the coming months:

- Care of the dying adult **1 August – 29 August 2014**
- Multimorbidities **6 August – 17 September 2014**
- Oral health in nursing and residential care **1– 29 September 2014**

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

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

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

Please note these notices are not NICE activities, events or recruitments, and are shared on behalf of other organisations. To request to feature on the Noticeboard, please contact annie.emery@nice.org.uk

- **UKCRC Patient and Public Involvement Board Member**

Do you want to get involved in helping to influence health research in the UK?

We are the UK Clinical Research Collaboration and our task is to make the UK one of the best places in the world to carry out health research for the benefit of patients and the public. An important part of this is making sure that the NHS is actively involved in research.

We are looking for members of the public to provide a public perspective to the Board’s discussions and help us understand the views and interests of patients and the public on a range of research related issues.

- Are you interested in health research?
- Do you have excellent communication skills?
- Do you have experience of working committee/groups?
- Would you enjoy the challenge of applying your knowledge and skills to new areas?

To receive an information pack please follow the link below:


We offer an attendance fee for meetings (unless you are in full time employment in the public sector) and expenses. Application is via CV and covering letter stating why you would be suitable for the role. To submit your CV and covering letter and for informal discussions please contact the UKCRC Partnership Manager, Sarah Qureshi at:

sarah.qureshi@ukcrc.org or 0207 395 2271

Deadline for applications is: **1pm on 8th August 2014**