

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 [@AnnieEmeryPIP](#)

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

- **Hip fracture quality standards advisory committee**  
Quality Standards, **closes 5pm; 4 November 2015**
- **Contraceptive services quality standard advisory committee**  
Quality Standards, **closes 5pm; 4 November 2015**
- **Abdominal aortic aneurysm guideline committee.**  
Require direct experience of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm as a patient or carer  
Clinical Guidelines, **closes 5pm; 6 November 2015**
- **Condom distribution schemes guideline public health advisory committee**  
Public Health, **closes 5pm; 11 November 2015**
- **Air pollution-outdoor air quality and health guideline public health advisory committee**  
Public Health, **closes 5pm; 11 November 2015**
- **Molecular testing for Lynch syndrome diagnostics advisory committee**  
Diagnostic Assessment Programme, **closes 5pm; 24 November 2015**

**Join the NICE network** Opportunity to apply for NICE's prestigious **Fellows and Scholars** programme which is now open to lay people and people groups and charities for the first time this year

Nice Scholarships are a 1-year opportunities to find out about the inner workings of NICE and undertake a supported improvement project, related to NICE guidance, within a local organisation.

Applications are now open for NICE's prestigious Fellows and Scholars programme, which is entering its seventh year. Each Fellowship lasts for 3 years, allowing Fellows to build networks of influential individuals who support NICE in the implementation of its guidance.

Recruitment is open until **13 November 2015** - [Apply here](#)

## 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](#) (see right hand column under 'Further Information' on the webpage) 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

- **Preoperative tests (update) : Draft guidance consultation**  
12 October 2015 – 23 November 2015

### Quality Standards

- **Preventing excess winter deaths and morbidity: quality standard consultation**  
7 October 2015 – 4 November 2015
- **Skin cancer : Topic engagement**  
22 October 2015 – 5 November 2015

### Public Health

- **Air pollution - outdoor air quality and health : Call for evidence**  
12 October 2015 – 9 November 2015

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

**Interventional Procedures**

- **Angioplasty and/or stenting to treat peripheral arterial disease causing refractory erectile dysfunction : Interventional procedure consultation**  
23 October 2015 –20 November 2015
- **Endovascular aneurysm sealing for abdominal aortic aneurysm : Interventional procedure consultation**  
23 October 2015 –20 November 2015
- **Mechanical clot retrieval for treating acute ischaemic stroke : Interventional procedure consultation**  
23 October 2015 –20 November 2015
- **Normothermic ex-vivo preservation of hearts from brainstem dead donors for clinical transplantation : Interventional procedure consultation**  
23 October 2015 –20 November 2015

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

- **Prevention better than cure, says NICE Chair**  
Any concerns about the overdiagnosis of patients should be balanced by the effectiveness that preventive action has against disease, according to the Chair of NICE.
- **Speeding up the adoption of health technologies**  
NICE launches The Office for Market Access to work with industry to speed up the adoption of new medicines, devices and diagnostics by the NHS.
- **Kindness and trust are at the core of the NHS and social care**  
There are millions of acts of kindness going on within the NHS and social care services, says the Chair of NICE.
- **NICE approach to managing urinary incontinence in women wins 2015 Shared Learning Award**  
Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust has won the 2015 NICE Shared Learning Award for its working in improving the management of urinary incontinence (UI) in women.
- **NICE products can help NHS deliver a fair and effective system of care**  
NICE guidance and quality standards can help ensure any new architecture for the NHS delivers and is held to account, according to its Chief Executive.
- **Leading a healthier lifestyle can delay dementia, disability and frailty in later life**  
People should be encouraged to stop smoking, be more physically active, reduce their alcohol consumption, and adopt a healthy diet to help lower the risk of developing dementia, disability and frailty in later life.

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

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

Ref	Title	Type
NG16	<b>Dementia, disability and frailty in later life – mid-life approaches to delay or prevent onset</b>	Guideline
QS101	<b>Learning disabilities: challenging behaviour</b>	Quality Standard
QS102	<b>Bipolar disorder, psychosis and schizophrenia in children and young people</b>	Quality Standard

#### 5. 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)

#### Invitation to apply for the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Fellowships Programme 2016

NIHR Fellowships support outstanding individuals to become the health research leaders of the future by buying out their salary costs, meeting their training and development costs and by contributing to the research costs needed to complete an identified research project.

Applications are invited from individuals working in any sector or scientific discipline who propose to undertake people or patient-based clinical and applied health research at an institution based in England or Wales.

Applications must be received by the NIHR TCC by **1.00 pm on Wednesday the 20th of January 2016**

To access the online application form please visit <https://tcci.nihr.ac.uk/Login.aspx>

For further details on each individual scheme and instructions for applicants please visit; <http://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding/fellowship-programme.htm>

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### **Join an NIHR Evaluation, Trials and Studies Coordinating Centre (NETSCC) programme panel or board**

We currently have a number of opportunities for public contributors on our Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Prioritisation panels, HTA Funding Boards and Public Health Research (PHR) Programme Advisory board.

These are key roles which ensure that the public are actively involved in discussions and decisions on the prioritisation and funding of our health research. As a patient/public panel member you will help to identify and raise issues from the perspective of patients and the public that are relevant to the research.

If you feel that you could help by sharing your knowledge and experiences by becoming a Patient/Public member of one of the panels or boards, then please visit the [NETSCC](#) website where you can find out more, including the information packs and how to apply.

An induction and training will be provided for successful applicants.

The application closing date is 13 November 2015.

If you have any queries please contact the NETSCC PPI team at [netspublic@southampton.ac.uk](mailto:netspublic@southampton.ac.uk) or 023 8059 9302

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**The Acute Coronary Syndrome patient booklet consultation draft and feedback form are** available to download from our website, using the following link: <http://www.sign.ac.uk/consultation/index.html>

If anyone would like to receive a paper copy of this booklet, please contact [karenking5@nhs.net](mailto:karenking5@nhs.net) with your full postal address

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