



E-Bulletin from National Association for Patient Participation Issue Number 92: January 2015

Happy New Year!

1. Latest N.A.P.P. News

a. Corkill Award 2015: PPG of the Year: deadline 20th April

Your PPG could win prizes of up to £500! Once again, the Award is sponsored by EMIS, the major supplier of IT systems in primary care. The application form and details of this year's criteria are in the Members' area of the N.A.P.P. website <http://www.napp.org.uk/corkill.html>. The criteria are slightly altered every year to reflect the changes in priorities for PPGs, so do read them. You can also see what previous winners had achieved. Please remember that

- Only online entries will be considered.
- Scanned or hand-written forms cannot be accepted.

b. PPG Awareness Week 2015: June 1st – 6th

Now in its third year, many member PPGs already have the dates established as part of forward planning of 2015 events and activities. The updated Resource Pack is now available on the website at <http://www.napp.org.uk/ppgawarenessweek.html>. Please let us know if you have any ideas which could be incorporated in the Resource pack. We are always keen to share with others innovative ideas which worked well for your PPG. So email your ideas to us. This is an opportunity to let your patients know about their PPG, to recruit new members, but also to publicise it in the wider community. We also want more national media coverage, so let us know if you have media contacts who could promote the Week nationally.

c. N.A.P.P. Annual Conference 6th June 2015 in Leamington Spa

This year's event will be held at Woodland Grange Hotel and Conference Centre in Leamington Spa in Warwickshire. Further details and a draft programme will appear on our website <http://www.napp.org.uk/conference.html> within the next few weeks. As usual, there will be "early bird" discounts for N.A.P.P. members.

2. Friends and Family Test in GP practices – a boon not a burden

We have had some feedback from PPGs expressing concern about the administrative implications of the FFT test. Dr Dewji, a Milton Keynes GP [suggests](#) that the FFT is a help not a hindrance. Materials such as customisable posters, flyers, a video (including one with signing for the deaf) and presentations for waiting rooms are available in a number of format [here](#). There are also links to support organisations, one of which is [iWantGreatCare](#) a charity partnership which can provide the FFT feedback at no cost to the practice.

3. Evolving expectations of younger adults as consumers of GP services

A briefing from Citizens' Advice explored the experience of younger adults (18-34 years) as consumers of GP services, finds that younger adults are more than twice as likely to go to A&E or an NHS walk-in centre when they can't see a GP compared with those aged 55 and over. It highlights the need for GP surgeries to consider access needs and preferences of younger adults to accommodate their lifestyles and to reduce the pressure on walk-in services and A&E. [More](#)

4. Care and Support – what’s changing

The Department of Health has published [information](#) on what the changes to the Care and Support Act will mean for carers and those in receipt of care. Read the [document](#)

5. CCG and primary care allocations for 2015/16

NHS England has published CCG and primary care allocations for 2015/16 and estimates at CCG level of resources to support primary care co-commissioning and specialised commissioning. The [allocations](#) include the recently announced £1.98bn of additional funding for frontline health services and transformation as set out in the NHS Five Year Forward View.

6. Federating general practices: the A to Z of federating

We hear frequently from PPGs about the implications of GP practices merging. Recently, there have also been requests for information about federation of GP practices. The concept of a primary care Federation was first set by the Royal College of General Practitioners in September 2007. A Federation is a group of practices and primary care teams working together, sharing responsibility for developing and delivering high quality, patient focussed services for their local communities. Whilst not typically part of the day-to-day language of NHS general practice and primary care, it has however gradually come further to the fore, usually in relation to practices grouping together for either commissioning or service provision activity. Indeed, prior to recent policy announcements. It has been suggested that economic pressures and rising demand are forcing general practice to change, but practices that seize the initiative can hope for more than survival. At the launch of the National Association of Provider Organisations in December, These [slides](#) trace the steps practices may take from

7. £1bn investment in primary care premises over the next four years.

Patients across England are set to benefit from a £250m investment in GP premises every year for the next four years. [More details here](#)

8. Primary Care Commissioning

Patients who have engaged actively in their CCG’s patient networks may be interested in NHS England’s published updates for CCGs and area teams regarding primary care co-commissioning including: information on upcoming webinars; the presentation and Q&As from the recent co-commissioning regional roadshows; and key messages from the recent primary care co-commissioning oversight group meeting. [Read the document...](#)

9. NHS England Board Meeting on video

Sick of re-runs of comedy classics and repeats of old films? If you’re looking for something new to watch, and you missed it when it went out live on 17 December, catch up with the latest NHS England board meeting on [Youtube](#)

10. Get your N.A.P.P. member password now!

The Members’ pages of the N.A.P.P. website contain **key resources available only to affiliated PPGs and CCGs**. For your PPG’s unique login details for use by all the members of your PPG, (but not to be divulged to others), **visit the website, click on Members and use the screen instructions**. The response will come from server@serifwebresources.com

11. Reminders

Please forward this bulletin to fellow members promptly. We do not send hard copies of e-bulletins. All bulletins are at <http://www.napp.org.uk/ebulletins.html>

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