



E-Bulletin from National Association for Patient Participation Issue Number 118 May 2017

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

a. Diary dates

- **Annual General Meeting 24th June 2017 at 4.15pm:** The AGM takes place immediately after the conference. Members of affiliated PPGs are invited to attend., If you have not registered to attend the conference and would like to be present at the AGM, please contact admin@napp.org.uk for further information. The formal notice and draft agenda are being distributed with this bulletin. If you wish to put forward a resolution, please send it to secretary@napp.org.uk.
 - **Annual Conference “Patients, Power and Partnerships” in Basingstoke, Hampshire.** There are still a few places available, so make sure you don’t miss out on the opportunity to network with and learn from other PPGs, the speakers and workshop sessions. Keynote speeches from Professor Paul Hungin, President of the British Medical Association and Ruth Rankine, Care Quality Commission’s Chief Inspector of General Practice. Further details of the programme and the registration form are [here](#) on the N.A.P.P. website.
 - **19th – 24th June 2017: PPG Awareness week:** This is the fifth Awareness Week and is taking place later in the month than the usual to coincide with our conference. Download [the Resource Pack](#) from the home page of the N.A.P.P. website.
 - **Corkill “PPG of the Year” Award:** Congratulations to this year’s winner Ashlea Medical Practice PPG, Ashted, Surrey, to runner up Bassett Road Surgery PPG in Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire and to North Leeds Medical Practice PPG, highly commended. Thanks to all PPGs who submitted entries. Details on website in June.
- b. Relationships between PPGs and local Healthwatch” Survey:** Just a few days till the May 26th deadline for [the online survey](#) we sent to member groups in April.! Over 400 PPGs have participated. but if yours hasn’t, please do so on behalf of your PPG.

2. Access to General Practice

A parliamentary report looks at patient access to general practice services during core hours, expressing concerns over rolling out extended access without a full understanding of issues in the variation in patient experience in accessing services. The [report](#) also raises concerns about the workforce supply in general practice and how this will impact on plans to roll out extended hours.

3. What does improving population health really mean?

Everybody in NHS policy seems to be talking about population health. New care models are being developed to improve population health. Sustainability and transformation plans (STPs) – the local plans for redesigning NHS and social care services – will, we are told, develop into partnerships to improve population health. And health care leaders in other countries, such as the United States, are also using the language of population health to define the aims of their health systems. A [paper](#) from the King’s Fund asks what does improving population health really mean? And what does it mean for the NHS?

4. General Practice Forward View – one year on

One year on from its launch, the BMA, the trade union and professional body for doctors in UK, has produced a report on the progress of the GPFV. It calls for urgent implementation of promised extra funding after what it calls “a mixed picture” in the first 12 months. [More](#)

5. General Practice Awards 2017

The General Practice Awards celebrate projects and initiatives taking place across the UK. There are various primary care categories, including GPs, nurses and practice managers. Entries are invited that exemplify the talent, dedication and innovation of individuals and teams across all aspects of primary care. All entries must be submitted before 5pm on Friday 21 July 2017. Patients can submit nominations. For more information about categories and how to enter someone from your practice, click [here](#)

6. Blood pressure self-screening in general practice waiting rooms

A [study](#) by researchers from the University of Oxford found that making more blood pressure monitors available and accessible for patients in GP waiting rooms could increase the detection of high blood pressure and better enable patients being treated for high blood pressure to monitor and control their condition. While some patients without a history of high blood pressure often checked their blood pressure while waiting for a GP appointment, many patients often don't know about availability of self-measurement and may need help with the technique. Some patients were concerned about measuring blood pressure in a public place. Several preferred monitoring their blood pressure in the waiting room, to doing it at home.

7. What is social care and how does it work?

This is the title of a set of resources which King's Fund has pulled together, providing a range of content to help explain social care in England, including a series of short videos, which can be accessed [here](#). The King's Fund is an independent charity working to improve health and care in England.

8. Provision of community care: who, what, how much?

The Health Foundation is an independent charity committed to bringing about better health and health care for people in the UK. It has published a [briefing](#) which analyses information on the community care contracts held by 78% of CCGs in England to enable better understanding of the provision of these services. Following a Freedom of Information (FOI) request, they found that NHS providers held more than half of the total annual value of contracts in the sample, while private providers held 5% of the total annual value, but 39% of the total number of contracts issued. Private providers tended to hold much smaller contracts, with 6 in 10 holding contracts with a combined value of less than £100,000. Additionally, most held just one contract.

9. The cost of dementia care and support

A report by Alzheimer's UK reveals that nearly half of the UK adults surveyed had not started saving for the care and support they might need in the future, and a third agreed that they had not considered the cost of dementia care and support. The [report](#) reveals ongoing stigma around dementia and calls for greater support and access to information. The charity warns the bill will topple 'generation rent', who have fewer assets than previous generations, and are at higher risk of developing dementia as people continue to live longer.

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

N.A.P.P.'s website Member pages contain **key resources available to affiliated PPGs and CCGs**. For login details, **visit the website, click on Members and use screen instructions**. We recommend each PPG to establish a generic group email address as the username for the login.

11. Reminders: Please email this bulletin to fellow members promptly. We do not send hard copies of e-bulletins. All previous bulletins can be found at <http://www.napp.org.uk/ebulletins.html>

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