Dear Colleague,

Happy New Year and welcome to the January 2019 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 newsletters and alerts. NICE is also on Twitter – for news and updates please follow @NICEComms. For messages specifically from the PIP follow us at @NICEGetInvolved.

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

Evidence standards framework for digital health technologies

Just to let you know about a new framework that NICE has published - setting evidence standards for evaluating digital products

As digital health technologies develop at an increasing pace, we've worked with partners to develop standards that ensure new technologies are clinically effective and offer economic value.

The aim of these standards is to make it easier for innovators and commissioners to understand what good levels of evidence for digital healthcare technologies look like, while meeting the needs of the health and care system, patients, and users.

We're interested in hearing your views on the evidence standards framework. Tell us what you think in our short survey. The survey will close on Monday 14 January 2019.
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 recruitment**

- **Epilepsies in children and young people**
  Closes 5pm; 4 February 2019

- **Epilepsies in children and young people**
  Closes 5pm; 5 February 2019

- **Children and young people with disabilities and severe complex needs**
  Closes 5pm; 5 February 2019

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

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

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Current consultations *(Click the header links)*

We are aware that sometimes our *consultation deadlines* mean that it isn’t possible for organisations 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.

**Guideline**

- **Hyperparathyroidism (primary): diagnosis, assessment and initial management**  
  Consultation end date: 16 January 2019

- **Prostate cancer: diagnosis and management (update)**  
  Consultation end date: 16 January 2019

- **Transient loss of consciousness ('blackouts') in over 16s**  
  Consultation end date: 16 January 2019

- **Infant, children and young people’s experience of healthcare**  
  Consultation end date: 18 January 2019

- **Intrapartum care for healthy women and babies**  
  Consultation end date: 22 January 2019

- **Ulcerative Colitis (update) (CG166)**  
  Consultation end date: 22 January 2019

- **Crohn’s Disease Management (update CG152)**  
  Consultation end date: 22 January 2019

- **Obsessive-compulsive disorder and body dysmorphic disorder: treatment**  
  Consultation end date: 22 January 2019

- **Ectopic pregnancy and miscarriage: diagnosis and initial management (Update)**  
  Consultation end date: 24 January 2019

- **Epilepsies in adults: diagnosis and management update**  
  Consultation end date: 5 February 2019

- **Epilepsies in children: diagnosis and management**  
  Consultation end date: 5 February 2019

- **Children and young people with disabilities and severe complex needs: integrated health and social care support and service guidance**  
  Consultation end date: 5 February 2019
Current consultations *(Click the header links) continued*

**Quality Standard**

- **Physical activity: encouraging activity in the general population**
  Consultation end date: 1 February 2019

**News (Click the header links)**

- **Third biological treatment gives more choice for people with severe asthma**
  Another potentially life-changing treatment should be available to people with a severe form of asthma, NICE says.

- **Hundreds more children and adults eligible for cochlear implants on the NHS**
  Hundreds more people with severe to profound deafness are expected to be eligible for cochlear implants each year, due to updated NICE guidance.

- **Non-invasive MRI scan for Prostate Cancer recommended by NICE**
  NICE has recommended the scan as a first-line investigation for people with suspected clinically localised prostate cancer.

- **NICE recommends a CAR T-cell therapy for adults with some types of non-Hodgkin lymphoma**
  NICE has published final draft guidance recommending a breakthrough cancer treatment, called CAR T-cell therapy, for adults with certain types of non-Hodgkin lymphoma.

- **Innovative heart procedure will extend lives of patients with faulty heart valve**
  Up to 400 patients each year are set to benefit from the procedure being made available more widely

- **Antibiotics should be restricted for COPD**
  Healthcare professionals should consider the risk of antimicrobial resistance when deciding whether antibiotics are needed for treating or preventing a flare up of symptoms of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

- **New and upgraded roads should prioritise pedestrians, cyclists and public transport over motorised vehicles**
  Physical inactivity is responsible for one in six deaths and is believed to cost the UK £7.4 billion each year, including £900 million to the NHS
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

Engagement Fellowships

Engagement Fellowships develop emerging leaders from a range of backgrounds so they can engage the public with health research.

The fellowships are open to a wide range of people, including (but not limited to):
- community leaders or social entrepreneurs
- academics exploring health and wellbeing (for example, biomedical or social scientists and medical historians)
- leaders in third sector organisations (for example, charities and other non-profit organisations)
- professionals working in the arts and creative industries
- clinicians or healthcare professionals.

You should be based in the UK or the Republic of Ireland.

Level of funding: Salary and research expenses covered

Application deadline: 7 February 2019, 17:00 GMT

For more details please see: https://wellcome.ac.uk/funding/engagement-fellowships

Disclaimer: Please note this event is through Wellcome Trust and is not a NICE initiative

Public reviewing with the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR)

Now available – An interactive course for new and experienced reviewers of health and social care research, which has been produced by a team of public reviewers and patient and public involvement professionals with the NIHR.

The course covers reviewing in all contexts for NIHR research funding programmes, plus skills and activities required at different levels and stages of research.

It is designed for public contributors who are committee members as well as public reviewers.

Researchers may also find this resource useful when writing research funding applications. It can be used as a tool to understand how to get your Patient and Public Involvement right first time!

The course is online and freely available.

Who’s it for?
- Public contributors who have been asked to provide feedback on a research document or sit on committee that assess several research documents.
- Public contributors who are new to reviewing and those who want to know more.
- Researchers, research managers and funders who want to understand what makes good Patient and Public Involvement and the public perspective.


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Bursary Scheme for NICE 2019 Annual Conference

We are pleased to announce the launch of our bursary scheme for voluntary and community sector organisations for the 2019 NICE Annual Conference which is taking place at the Hilton Hotel, Deansgate, Manchester on 9 May 2019.

NICE 2019 packs 12 hours of content into just one day:

- Renowned keynote speakers, including conference host, clinician and broadcaster Dr Phil Hammond
- Pills or prevention? Discuss whether transformative medicines or public health programmes will ensure the sustainability of the NHS
- Case studies from the frontline on quality improvement
- Future-focused parallel sessions exploring how the health and care landscape will be shaped by factors from genomics to Brexit in the coming years
- Troubleshoot local implementation challenges with the NICE Field Team

View the 2019 NICE Annual Conference agenda for full programme of events.

Bursary packages are limited and interest is expected to be high so don't delay in returning your application. Further details of the bursary scheme and the application form are also available on NICE website bursary page certain terms and conditions apply. The scheme is open to national UK registered charities (voluntary and community sector organisations), and local Healthwatches. Unfortunately applications from other local or regional organisations will not be accepted.

How to apply

Please read the attached terms and conditions then complete and return your application form electronically to bursary2019@nice.org.uk or by post to:

The closing date for submitted applications is Friday 25 January 2019. Applications will be considered for eligibility by the NICE Public Involvement Programme. Applications which meet the eligibility criteria will be selected for a bursary at random.