



Dear Colleague,

Welcome to the September 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



NICE Public Involvement Annual Report 2017/18

Interested in what we do? Read more in our Public Involvement [annual report](#).

During 2017/18 we have engaged, involved and supported people and communities across the breadth of NICE work programmes. In doing so, we have helped to ensure that NICE's guidance, standards and advice are relevant and meet the needs of people using health and social care services. Additionally, we have strengthened NICE's reputation for public involvement regionally, nationally and internationally by showcasing NICE's work in this field.

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

- **Subarachnoid haemorrhage**
Closes 5pm; 20 September 2018
- **Multiple obstetric updates (ectopic pregnancy)**
Closes 5pm; 24 September 2018
- **Safeguarding adults in care homes**
Closes 5pm; 26 September 2018
- **Rapid tests for group A streptococcal infections in people with a sore throat**
Closes 5pm; 2 October 2018
- **Technology Appraisal Appeal Panel**
Closes 5pm, 1 October 2018
- **Shared decision making**
Closes 5pm, 10 October 2018

Newly Published Guidance *(click the links)*

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

Ref	Title	Type
NG103	Flu vaccination: increasing uptake	Guideline
NG104	Pancreatitis	Guideline
NG105	Preventing suicide in community and custodial settings	Guideline
NG106	Chronic heart failure in adults: diagnosis and management	Guideline
QS172	Endometriosis	Quality Standard
QS173	Intermediate care including reablement	Quality Standard

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

- **Subarachnoid haemorrhage due to ruptured aneurysms**
Consultation end date: 20 September 2018
- **Safeguarding adults in care homes**
Consultation end date: 26 September 2018
- **Intrapartum care for high risk women**
Consultation end date: 18 October 2018

Quality Standard

- **Sexual health**
Consultation end date: 26 September 2018

News (*Click the header links*)

- **NICE would welcome further discussions about access to spinal muscular atrophy drug nusinersen**
NICE hopes for further talks over nusinersen for treating a rare genetic disorder; spinal muscular atrophy (SMA).
- **New “life changing” procedure can be offered to adults with severe asthma on NHS**
Procedure could be an option for adults with severe asthma whose symptoms cannot be adequately controlled with drugs
- **Antibiotics should not be issued as first line of treatment for a cough, says NICE and PHE**
People should take honey or cough medicines instead but speak to their GP if it persists for longer than three weeks
- **Feedback encouraged to allow use of life extending treatment on NHS for those with blood cancer**
CAR-T considered to be an exciting innovation which can cure some patients but very expensive

NICE quick guide - What to expect during assessment and care planning - quick guide

Lay member Sandra Rennie who has experience of using adult social care services, has helped to develop this quick guide and shares her thoughts on why this is important for the social care sector;

"The NICE quick guide embodies best practice in the way interaction between adults and social care staff needs to take place and as an individual who uses adult social care, it has immensely increased my confidence in the process."

"Being treated as an individual and having the necessary support provided so that I can have my voice heard is great. Having my circumstances taken as the starting point to develop my care plan makes a huge difference and will ensure a service which is truly person-centred and reflective of the lives we want to live."

This [quick guide](#) is for people using adult social care services, highlighting what they should expect from the services supporting them. The quick guide focuses on involving the person in making decisions, advocacy support, their needs assessment, personal budgets and their care and support plan.

As with all our quick guides, this one is based on the relevant guideline [People's experience in adult social care services: improving the experience of care and support for people using adult social care services](#)



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

The [Public Involvement Programme](#) at NICE Masterclass on Shared Decision-Making

Thursday 25 October – NICE, 10 Spring Gardens, London, SW1A 2BU

Our NICE Masterclasses are for voluntary and community sector organisations, and Healthwatch working in the health and social care arena and who would like to know more about NICE and our work. In this Masterclass we will look at shared decision-making and how we can put people who use services and their carers at the heart of decisions about their care. View the [agenda](#).

We'll address the key questions:

- What is shared decision-making and why is it important?
- What are the challenges around shared decision-making and how can we encourage greater shared decision-making in practice?
- What does shared decision-making mean to people using services?
- What are NICE doing to encourage greater shared decision-making and how can people who use services and organisations that represent them be more involved?

Places are limited, the masterclasses are free. We are not able to reimburse travel or subsistence expenses. Tea and coffee will be available throughout the workshop and a sandwich lunch will be provided.

Please reply no later than **Friday 5th October** to Sally.taylor@nice.org.uk

The 4th Annual Campaign to End Loneliness Conference

Loneliness affects the health and wellbeing of millions of people in the UK and around the world. It costs billions a year. Tackling it is more urgent than ever. So what can we do about it? How do we end loneliness?

The Campaign to End Loneliness annual conference is the largest conference dedicated to tackling loneliness in the world. There will be interactive workshops, interviews and discussions, alongside plenty of networking opportunities with local authorities, policy-makers, charities and businesses. Lunch is provided and the day will be an opportunity to network with hundreds of other professionals dedicated to tackling loneliness.

A discount for small community-based organisations is available, as are bursaries for some attendees. To apply, please contact Alex Howells: alex@campaigntoendloneliness.org.uk.

Tickets are selling fast. [Buy your tickets now.](#)

Disclaimer: Please note this event is through **The Campaign to End Loneliness is hosted by Independent Age** and is not a NICE initiative

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