Dear Colleague,

Welcome to the July edition of our Public Involvement update from the Public Involvement Programme 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 Public Involvement Programme @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

In this month’s update:

1. News (Click the header links)

   - **NICE’s new symptom–based approach will help to save thousands of lives from cancer**
     Thousands of lives in England could be saved each year if the NHS follows updated guidance to help it diagnose cancer earlier, NICE says

   - **Healthy workplaces make for happy and effective employees**
     Promoting a culture that improves the health and wellbeing of employees is good management and leads to healthy and productive workplaces, says NICE.

   - **NHS England asks NICE to suspend safe staffing programme**
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     NHS England will now take forward the issue of staffing work as part of a wider programme of service improvement. It is looking at alternative approaches to helping NHS providers to achieve the right levels and mix of staff.

     The chief executive of NHS England, Simon Stevens, told delegates at the NHS Confederation Annual Conference in Liverpool that they would review how staffing levels were determined across the NHS: "I have asked Jane Cummings, the chief nursing officer, to take a look at whether it would make more sense in respect of the new staffing guidelines that are being proposed for various parts of the health service, to instead remit that to our new urgent and emergency care vanguards and the mental health taskforce and various others – so a different approach to answering those questions."

     NICE has produced guidance on safe staffing in two settings: adult acute wards and maternity. They were part of a programme to develop evidence-based guidelines on safe staffing for the NHS which began in 2013.
• **New standard to improve the care of people with personality disorders**
  NICE’s new quality standard on personality disorders includes seven statements to improve the treatment and care of people with the conditions.

• **Reducing variation in the care of people with osteoarthritis**
  NICE’s latest quality standard on osteoarthritis includes eight statements designed to tackle variation in the care of people with osteoarthritis.

• **Safeguarding NHS staff from violent and aggressive patients**
  Updated NICE guidance will help to safeguard NHS staff and patients by preventing violent situations and offering clear advice on managing them safely if needed.

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**

• **Older people - independence and mental wellbeing: consultation on the draft guidance**

• **Oral health promotion approaches for dental teams: consultation on the draft guideline**

• **Children’s attachment: draft guideline consultation**
  1 June 2015 – 13 July 2015

• **Intravenous fluids therapy in children: draft guideline consultation**
  1 June 2015 – 13 July 2015

• **Menopause: consultation on the draft guidance**
  1 June 2015 – 13 July 2015

• **Preterm labour and birth: draft guideline consultation**
  1 June 2015 – 13 July 2015

• **Social care of older people with complex care needs and multiple long-term conditions: consultation on the draft guidance**
  1 June 2015 – 13 July 2015
Current consultations continued *(Click the header links)*

- **Transfusion: draft guideline consultation**  
  1 June 2015 – 13 July 2015

- **Tuberculosis (update): draft guideline consultation**  
  1 June 2015 – 13 July 2015

- **Parkinson’s disease (update): call for evidence**  

- **Type 2 diabetes: guideline consultation 2 information**  
  26 June 2015 – 24 July 2015

**Quality Standards**

- **Intrapartum care: quality standard consultation**  

- **Acute heart failure - diagnosis and management in adults: quality standard consultation**  

- **Domestic violence: quality standard consultation**  

- **Preventing unintentional injury among children and young people under 15: quality standard consultation**  

3. **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

**Upcoming recruitments:**

Check the recruitment page for upcoming recruitments and further details on start dates. The following topics will open for recruitment over the coming months:

- **Dementia (update)**  
  Clinical Guidelines, **8 July - 5 August 2015**

- **Crohns**  
  Clinical Guidelines, **15 July - 12 August 2015**
**Upcoming recruitments continued:**

- **Faltering growth: recognition and management of faltering growth in children**  
  Clinical Guideline, 13 July - 10 August 2015

- **Service model for people with learning disabilities and behaviour that challenges**  
  Clinical Guideline, 15 July - 12 August 2015

- **Intrapartum care for high risk women**  
  Clinical Guideline, August - September 2015

**Chair opportunity:**

- **Chair of the Guideline Committee for Service user and carer experience of social care**  
  NICE is seeking to appoint a chair and topic adviser to its Service user/carer experience of social care guideline committee. The Guideline Committee (GC) will review the evidence and develop recommendations to improve service user and carer experience of social care in England.

  We are looking for a credible Chair with excellent facilitation skills, a broad knowledge and understanding of the social care sector and an interest in improving social care services. Applicants must have recent or current experience of using social care services (within the last 2 years). Applicants should have experience of chairing and facilitating multi-professional committees or working groups at national, regional or local level.

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

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

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5. Noticeboard – Sharing Information, Events and Updates in Patient and Public Involvement
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