



E-Bulletin from National Association for Patient Participation Issue Number 104 February 2016

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

a. 2016 Corkill Award: N.A.P.P. PPG of the Year: Deadline 25th April

Your PPG could win prizes of up to £500! The award recognises excellent work by your PPG in building and maintaining relationships and communication between patients and the practice. Applications which demonstrate innovation will be welcome. Tell us about creative and different approaches you have used in your PPG and how you have done things differently. 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>. You can also see what previous winners achieved. Please remember that

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

b. Diary dates

- **6th – 11th June 2016: PPG Awareness Week:** The Resource pack is now available on the home page of the N.A.P.P. website at www.napp.org.uk
- **11th June 2016: Annual Conference Annual Conference “Transforming Services Together: Transformation, Integration and Federation - What do they mean for Patients?”** at the Park Hotel, Stretton, Cheshire. The Keynote speaker will be Dr Terry Kemple, President of the Royal College of GPs. Programme and registration form will be on the N.A.P.P. website by March 4th.

2. Patient Online: Benefits of accessing your GP records

Thanks to those PPG members who responded to items in recent e-bulletins to tell us about how a PPG has supported the practice in improving patients' access to online services. We still need to hear from PPGs or individuals who have engaged in promoting use of digital services in their practices.

The end of March deadline is fast approaching for all GP practices in England to extend their online access beyond appointments, prescription ordering and access to the summary record, so that patients who will benefit will have access to more information in their digital records. To see how some practices have approached this challenge, there are several [videos](#) on the POL website. To find out how individual patients have benefitted from access to their records 24/7 and anywhere in the world, watch [Marilyn's](#), [Dominic's](#) or [Ingrid's](#) stories. They have all been empowered taking ownership of their own health and care.

3. GP Contract 2016-17

NHS Employers and the British Medical Association's General Practitioners Committee have announced changes to the GMS contract in England for 2016/17 which will see significant investment to alleviate some of the pressures in general practice and to improve access to services. In addition, there have been a number of other key changes including further development of data collection to drive patient care and changes that continue or build on last year's online services. No changes have been made to the Quality and Outcomes Framework (QOF) indicators or thresholds. A four page [summary document](#) sets out the changes.

4. Scotland: new trial to examine roles of GPs and other health professionals

A project that could lead to radical change in the way GP services are delivered in Scotland has been launched. At least 15 practices serving 80,000 people will take part in the [trial](#), which examines how GP roles can be refocused away from tasks that could be done by other health professionals.

5. Video to raise awareness of antibiotic resistance

In January, Public Health England (PHE) issued an urgent [video](#) appeal designed to raise awareness of the threat of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) with parents and to offer advice on how each and every one of us can play a part in tackling it.

6. Problems for patients caused by poor coordination of care

According to a [report](#) from the Health Foundation, a health charity, four in five patients in the UK are likely to be suffering as a result of poor coordination of care between different parts of the health and care system. Analysis of findings from the Commonwealth Fund's 2015 International Health Policy Survey of Primary Care Doctors reveals that 79% of UK GPs report one of their patients has experienced a problem in the previous month because care wasn't well coordinated across multiple sites or care providers. This compares to an average of 48% across the other countries featured in the survey.

8. Men's Health Week 2016 is June 13-19: .You can get involved!

There is a discrepancy between between how much men value their health, and what they do to look after it. One man in five dies before the age of 65. New [research](#) by Public Health England shows a discrepancy between how much middle-aged men value their health, saying it's more important than money or career and what they do to look after it.

9. Delivering a healthier future: CCGs lead on prevention and early diagnosis

A report by NHS Clinical Commissioners showcases eleven case studies from across England which aims to demonstrate the difference that clinically led commissioning is making. The [projects](#) featured were only made possible through the influence, expertise and local knowledge brought by frontline GPs and clinicians.

10. Get your N.A.P.P. member password now! The Members' pages of N.A.P.P.'s website contain **key resources available only to affiliated PPGs and CCGs**. To get your PPG's login details, **visit the website, click on Members and use the screen instructions**. We recommend each PPG to have a 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 bulletins are at <http://www.napp.org.uk/ebulletins.html>

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