

Public Involvement Update

Dear Colleague

Welcome to the October 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 [patients and the public](#) 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](#).

Healthwatch 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 me on laura.norburn@nice.org.uk

In this month's update:

1. News

[Psychosocial assessments can help tackle hidden problem of self-harm](#)

[New quality standards for public health](#)

[Simple tests could help diagnose serious bowel conditions](#)

[Government to extend Cancer Drugs Fund until 2016](#)

[Quality standard highlights need for greater awareness of men presenting with lower urinary tract symptoms](#)

2. Current consultations

[Neonatal jaundice: quality standard consultation](#)

03 October - 31 October 2013

[KRAS mutation testing of tumours in adults with metastatic colorectal cancer: diagnostics consultation](#)

3 October - 24 October 2013

[NICE future public health quality standards and guidance - proposed topic list](#)

27 September - 20 December 2013

[Clinical guidelines proposed static list consultation](#)

25 September - 23 October 2013

[Needle and syringe programmes \(update\): guideline consultation - this is an update of PH18](#)

24 September - 05 November 2013

3. Opportunities to get involved

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:

- [Lay member for children's attachment Guideline Development Group](#)
Clinical Guidelines
- [Lay member for upper airways tract cancer Guideline Development Group](#)
Clinical Guidelines
- [Lay member for My5-FU assay for monitoring blood plasma levels of fluorouracil \(5-FU\) chemotherapy in patients with colorectal \(bowel\), head and neck, stomach, breast or pancreatic cancers](#)
Diagnostics Assessment Programme

Upcoming recruitments:

The following topics will open for recruitment over the next month, check the [recruitment page](#) for further details on the start date.

- Older people with long term conditions – starts 15 October
- Low back pain – starts 21 October
- Sunlight exposure: benefits and risks – start date week commencing 21 October

4. Newly Published Guidance

Please click on the hyperlinked title if you wish to be taken to further information about the new guidance that we think may be of interest to you. For the full list of last month's guidance, please see [here](#).

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| Ref | Title | Type |
|-------|---|--------------------|
| QS44 | Atopic eczema in children | Quality standards |
| QS48 | Depression in children and young people | Quality standards |
| QS47 | Heavy menstrual bleeding | Quality standards |
| QS45 | Lower urinary tract symptoms | Quality standards |
| QS46 | Multiple pregnancy | Quality standards |
| CG171 | Urinary incontinence in women | Clinical guideline |