

Dear Colleague,

Welcome to the March 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 [NICE newsletter and alerts](#). NICE is also on Twitter – for news and updates please follow [@NICEComms](#). For messages specifically from the PIP [@NICEGetInvolved](#).

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

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

- **Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease guideline committee**
Closes 5pm; 21 March 2017
- **Kidney and urinary stones guideline committee**
Closes 5pm; 20 March 2017
- **Indoor air quality at home public health advisory committee**
Closes 5pm; 17 March 2017
- **Primary hyperparathyroidism guideline committee**
Closes 5pm; 15 March 2017

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.

Guidelines

- **Primary hyperparathyroidism : Draft scope consultation**
Consultation end date: 15 March 2017
- **Antenatal and postnatal mental health: clinical management and service guidance : Surveillance consultation**
Consultation end date: 20 March 2017
- **Developmental follow-up of children and young people born preterm : Draft guidance consultation**
Consultation end date: 03 April 2017
- **Child abuse and neglect : Draft guidance consultation**
Consultation end date: 19 April 2017
- **Endometriosis: diagnosis and management : Draft guidance consultation**
Consultation end date: 20 April 2017

Quality Standards

- **Chronic kidney disease (QS update) : Quality Standard consultation**
Consultation end date: 28 March 2017
- **Low back pain : Quality Standard consultation**
Consultation end date: 06 April 2017
- **Sepsis : Quality Standard consultation**
Consultation end date: 07 April 2017
- **Transition between inpatient mental health settings and community and care homes : Quality Standard consultation**
Consultation end date: 07 April 2017

News (Click the header links)

- **People who are dying should be asked about their spiritual beliefs, says NICE**
NICE has published new guidance calling on healthcare professionals to ask adults in the final days of life about their religious or spiritual beliefs.
- **NICE says patients accessing more cancer drugs following price drops**
Patients will have routine access to more cancer drugs as companies have dropped their prices as part of the reformed Cancer Drugs Fund (CDF) process.
- **Local authorities need to work together with nightclubs and gyms to prevent drug misuse**
Gyms, nightclubs and festivals should display posters and mount social media campaigns to highlight the risks of drug misuse, a new guideline from NICE says.
- **NICE guidelines aim to improve how children at risk of abuse or neglect are helped and supported**
NICE is producing new guidelines to help people who work with children spot and stop abuse or neglect.
- **NICE recommends wider use of tests to detect cancer-causing genetic condition**
NICE has published diagnostics guidance recommending that everyone who is diagnosed with colorectal cancer should be tested for an inherited genetic condition called Lynch syndrome (LS).
- **NICE seeks to support new mothers with mental health problems**
NICE is calling on general practice staff to assess the mental health of all women who have recently given birth, as fears some may be left unsupported.
- **NICE recommends controlled use of targeted breast cancer radiotherapy treatment alongside further research**
NICE has recommended the Intrabeam Radiotherapy System for people with early breast cancer in limited circumstances with additional data collection.
- **Breast cancer drug costs too high in relation to benefits for routine NHS funding**
NICE does not recommend breast cancer drug palbociclib (Ibrance, Pfizer) because its cost is too high in relation to its potential benefits in draft guidance out for consultation.

Newly Published Guidance (*click the links*)

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

Ref	Title	Type
QS144	Care of dying adults in the last days of life	Quality Standard
QS145	Vaccine uptake in under 19s	Quality Standard
QS146	Head and neck cancer	Quality Standard
QS147	Healthy workplaces: improving employee mental and physical health and wellbeing	Quality Standard
QS148	Community engagement: improving health and wellbeing	Quality Standard
NG64	Drug misuse prevention: targeted interventions	Guideline
NG65	Spondyloarthritis in over 16s: diagnosis and management	Guideline
QS143	Menopause	Quality Standard