



MEMBERS BULLETIN

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Dear All,

Please find below two opportunities to get involved:

- [A consultation with patients and the public promoted by Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency \(MHRA\).](#)
- [A survey about methods and processes for health technology evaluation by NICE.](#)

Best wishes,

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MHRA consultation with patients and the public

Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency has published a consultation on how the Agency should engage and involve patients and the public in its work.

The consultation responses will help to inform the development of their longer-term strategy for the Agency's patient and public engagement.

Please see the [consultation page](#) on the Agency's website for further details, including a link to the online questionnaire and a downloadable version for those who would prefer to respond offline.

The consultation is open for 12 weeks and will **close at 11.45pm on Monday 7th October 2019**, further info from engagement@mhra.gov.uk.

Changes to health technology evaluations at NICE

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) is working with the stakeholders to review their methods and processes for health technology evaluation.

They want to simplify and streamline the development of medicines, diagnostic and device guidance. This will be supported by a clearer process for identifying, selecting and routing topics for assessment with the aim of making it easier for everyone involved to develop guidance, support its implementation and improve access to products for patients.

[Here](#) is a summary with information about what they are doing, why and how they are involving patient groups.

As part of this review, NICE is asking patient organisations to complete a survey <https://nice.researchfeedback.net/s.asp?k=156041914826> to help shape patient involvement in health technology evaluation. The survey has been developed collaboratively with patient groups, building on previous consultation responses to NICE

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Some patient organisations may prefer to answer surveys as a group, so [here](#) is a pdf version to refer to before completing it online. We will consult with those that have asked to work on this project together. What we'd suggest at this point - given the comparatively tight turnaround times (given the summer season) - is that charities individually fill this template in and let us have them a week before the deadline, ie. on Monday 5th August. We will aim to write an overarching response as well based on your contributions.

The early engagement survey <https://nice.researchfeedback.net/s.asp?k=156041914826> is **open until 5pm on 12th August 2019**.

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