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1. Annual Conference and AGM 2011 “Patients Matter” Saturday June 11th at the Grange Hotel, Bracknell, Berkshire

NAPP is privileged to have secured Dr Clare Gerada, Chair of the Royal College of General Practitioners to give the keynote address. The full programme, which will focus on the issue of **quality in all aspects of patient involvement, including commissioning**, is currently being prepared and, once finalised, will be distributed to all of our affiliated groups. The Conference will be an opportunity to hear more about the future of the NHS and the role PPGs can play.

Given the sweeping changes in the health service, coupled with the geographical location of the venue, we anticipate a large demand for the 100 places. Our most recent regional conference was over-subscribed seven weeks before the event and we had to turn people away. For members of affiliated PPGs, booking before April 30th, the “early bird” discounted delegate fee is £30. After April 30th, the rate will be £40. If you would like to guarantee a place or places at the conference, please contact Edith Todd at edith.todd@napp.org.uk or telephone 01932 242350 for the necessary booking form.

2. N.A.P.P. Developments:

The N.A.P.P. Board has invited Stephanie Varah, appointed last September as Director for National Development, to become the new N.A.P.P. Chief Executive. This decision was taken following a recent internal review of N.A.P.P.’s priorities and capacity to move forward in the new health and social care environment. Stephanie is currently working as CEO on a part-time basis supported by N.A.P.P. Trustees. Stephanie is devoting the majority of her time to the implications for N.A.P.P. and the wider PPG network in order to ensure that we are well represented and listened to where it matters. Please let Stephanie have any information about your experiences to date of being involved in commissioning activities as they develop. Send your updates to stephanie@varah.plus.com and they may be used nationally as case study examples.

3. Raising the Profile of PPGs in Parliament

Stephanie was invited recently to give oral evidence on behalf of NAPP and PPGs to an **All Party Parliamentary Group** (APPG) on Primary Care and Public Health Special Inquiry into the coalition government's Public Health White Paper "Healthy Lives, Healthy People". The NAPP written submission to the APPG will be posted on our website within the next few days. <http://www.napp.org.uk>

4. Newsletter

The last issue of the newsletter (Autumn/Winter online edition and Winter 2010/2011 in A5 format) were pilots to ascertain whether the format etc. would be acceptable and applicable comments were requested. Comments received to date have been positive and we intend to publish the Spring edition during March in similar format. If you require the necessary passwords to view the full colour recent edition online please email a request to Edith. To submit articles or comments please email the Newsletter Editor, Danny Daniels, at danny.daniels@napp.org.uk.

5. The Future of Health and Public Service Regulation 9th July 2005 - Andrew Lansley

If you navigate to <http://www.andrewlansley.co.uk/newsevent.php?newseventid=21> you will find a transcript of the above speech by Andrew Lansley the Secretary of State for Health given nearly six years ago. It gives an incisive look into his thinking regards the NHS at that time and also goes some way to understand the proposed changes currently being debated.

6. N.A.P.P. Resources:

N.A.P.P. is currently **reviewing all its resources and publications** to ensure they are still relevant and appropriate for the changing health and care system. This is likely to result in a slight re-shuffle and improvement of the N.A.P.P. website also the launch of some new materials as previously mentioned. We will keep you updated via our e-bulletin as things move forward. The N.A.P.P. website is at <http://www.napp.org.uk>

7. Healthy Lives Healthy People White Paper

The White Paper sets out the Government's long-term vision for the future of public health in England. The aim is to create a 'wellness' service (Public Health England) and to strengthen both national and local leadership. The consultation period for this paper has a deadline for submissions by the 1st April

View the information at:-

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publichealth/Healthyliveshealthypeople/index.htm>

8. Care Quality Commission Registration of GP practices:

From the 1st April 2012 NHS primary medical services must be registered with the Care Quality Commission (CQC). Providers that need to be registered are those that provides 'regulated activities' and whose sole or main purpose is to provide NHS primary medical services. Examples include GP practices, GP out-of-hours services and some walk-in centres.

The Health and Social Care Act 2008 introduced a new single registration system across health care and adult social care. All providers who carry on regulated activities will be required by law to be registered with CQC. To do so, they must show that they are meeting essential standards of quality and safety.

The CQC guidance about compliance: Essential standards of quality and safety can be read at www.cqc.org.uk/guidanceaboutcompliance

9. **An opportunity to shape the General Medical Council's core guidance for doctors:**

An invitation from Professor Jim McKillop, Chair of the Good Medical Practice Review Group:

As chair of the working group reviewing *Good Medical Practice*, the General Medical Council's core guidance for doctors, I am writing to invite you to get involved and give us your views. In the first stage of the review, we are looking for initial suggestions on areas where the guidance might be improved to ensure it continues to be relevant to all doctors and reflects what patients want from their doctors.

You can take part by completing a short online questionnaire on the GMC's website at www.gmc-uk.org/gmp2012, where you can also sign up to receive more information on other ways in which you can get involved over the coming months. You can respond to the questionnaire until **8 April 2011**.

Thank you -we look forward to hearing from you. - *Professor Jim McKillop*

The above is the start of a wide-ranging conversation about what is good medical practice today. As we develop the guidance we will be listening to the views of patients, the public and doctors through a range of online activities and face-to-face events throughout the UK. There will then be a major public consultation on the new draft of the guidance from October 2011 to January 2012.

Good Medical Practice sets out the standards, principles and values expected of doctors. It plays a vital role in keeping patients safe and improving professional standards, and we want to ensure it remains up-to-date and relevant to doctors in their day to day practice.

Danny Daniels

Vice Chair

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