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1. N.A.P.P. News

- a. **Corkill Award:** Details of the **2013 PPG of the Year** are now in the Members' area of the N.A.P.P. website www.napp.org.uk. Please be aware that
 - The criteria have been clarified to focus on four key activities.
 - Only online entries will be considered.
 - Scanned or hand-written forms cannot be accepted.
 - The closing date is 12th April.
- b. **PPG Awareness Week: June 3rd- 8th.**

PPG Awareness Week aims to promote the role and benefits of PPGs to patients, the public and health professionals, to create more understanding of the value of true patient participation also to promote the support available from N.A.P.P. Read more in the website 'News' section about the resources which N.A.P.P. will provide.
- c. The **Annual Conference 'Primary Care in the digital age: What does it mean for patients and quality and continuity of care'**. A draft programme is on the website and details of registration will be sent to all member PPGs as soon as we possible.

2. Connecting GP patient records across the NHS

A ground-breaking initiative has been launched to enable the vast majority of GPs in the UK to give joined up care through secure data-sharing with any other healthcare organisation. It means that GPs will be able to securely share information from patients' records with the rest of the NHS, including other community providers, and secondary and urgent care clinicians – enabling seamless, high-quality care to millions. All four major [GP system suppliers](#) will join together to deliver a key foundation stone in realising health secretary Jeremy Hunt's plans for a paperless NHS

3. Patients value 'independence' most about telehealth and telecare:

At the recent International Telecare and Telehealth Conference, a survey of delegates, undertaken by Appello, found that they believe what patients value most about telehealth are independence' and 'reassurance. Appello is working in partnership with N.A.P.P to develop patient centre information and guidance about telehealth. To understand more about the concepts of Telehealth, Telecare and Telemedicine, read more [here](#) and watch the [video](#)

4. Building Health Partnerships programme launched

Funding has been announced to help communities to build partnerships with CCGs, to improve health service delivery. 12 areas will receive up to £50,000 each to support the Building Health Partnerships programme, which will develop and share best practice between health commissioners and the voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector. Find out [more](#) about this, where it will take place and how you might get involved

5. Libraries of the 21st Century to play a greater role in health information

At a press conference this week Janene Cox, President of the Society of Chief Librarians (SCL), announced that four 'Universal Offers', including health, will be rolled out nationally across all public libraries in England and Wales. Also announced were brand new initiatives that will be launched in public libraries throughout 2013. More details [here](#)

6. Reporting side effects from medicines: The Yellow Card Scheme

The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has launched a public health campaign in partnership with pharmacy organisations to raise awareness of the Yellow Card Scheme and highlight the need for the public to use the scheme to report any suspected side effects from medicines. The Scheme, which was introduced in 1964 following the Thalidomide tragedy, and has proved a successful system for detecting emerging safety issues with medicines. The cards should be available at your GP Practice and in pharmacies. [more...](#)

7. The future role of pharmacy in public health

The pharmacy and public health forum will be holding a series of four events in Staffordshire, Yorkshire, London and Devon(details ([details here](#)) to raise awareness of the important role that pharmacy can play in delivering effective public health services in England. The events in the last week of February and in March are open to pharmacists and their teams, clinical commissioning groups, health and wellbeing boards, local authorities and councillors, the voluntary sector and public health professionals.

8. Shared Decision Making

International evidence shows that involving patients in their care and treatment improves their health outcomes and boosts their satisfaction. Shared Decision Making (SDM) is a process in which patients choice is encouraged by their health professional to participate in selecting their suitable health treatments or care management options. The Shared Decision Making Collaborative is led by the Advancing Quality Alliance (AQuA) who have demonstrated in their work with 32 pilot sites that this is a simple but transformative approach to patient care. More information including leaflets, films, free train the trainer pack and voluntary sector consultation pack are available at [here](#). AQuA would like feedback on the voluntary sector pack - comments can be sent back to Deborah.jackson@srft.nhs.uk

9. Change4Life: Health risks associated with 'sneaky drinks'

A new [campaign](#) aims to raise awareness of the health risks associated with drinking regularly over the guidelines. For four weeks, a nationwide TV advert will show how drinking can easily 'sneak up on you' and encourages people to use the [Change4Life Drinks Checker](#).

10. Get your N.A.P.P. member password now!

The Members' pages of the N.A.P.P. website contain **key resources available only to affiliated PPGs and CCGs**. For login details for use by all the members of your PPG, (but not to be divulged to others), visit the website, click on Members and use the screen instructions. The response will come from server@serifwebresources.com

11. Reminder:

Please forward this bulletin to fellow members as promptly as possible.

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