



Patient Panel Newsletter

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Updates from CEBD

- We're running a workshop for children aged 8-12 years affected by eczema in the Easter School holidays on Friday 10th April. Developed in collaboration with the [University of Nottingham Lakeside Arts Centre](#), this free session will include activities with a rapper and visual artist. Please [get in touch](#) for more information if you know someone who would like to attend (the workshop is taking place at the above arts centre).
- Do you know anyone affected by melanoma? We're looking for people who have lived experience of this type of skin cancer to take part in an online focus group to help support a funding application. Please do let people know and encourage them to [contact us](#) about getting involved.
- The Rapid Eczema Trials '[Keep Control](#)' study has now recruited 400+ participants so less than 50 to go to reach our target of 450. We'll be launching the final online study ([Scratch Less](#)) as part of this research programme soon.
- We're really pleased to welcome Pippa Bowes to CEBD. Pippa is a clinician based in the Isle of Wight who will be working with us to do a [PhD funded by the National Eczema Society on the theme of Topical Steroid Withdrawal](#). Pippa will be running a workshop session on this project at our meeting on 16th May.
- Congratulations to Gavin Fong who has recently been awarded an NIHR Clinical Fellowship award. Thanks to all the patient panel members who have supported the development of this project (including those that took part in a workshop at the patient panel meeting last May) which will investigate the usefulness of the [EczemaNet app](#) to measure eczema severity in NHS clinical settings.

Are you happy to share your involvement story to help others?

We are looking for involvement stories to share in the next (and very popular!) CEBD Patient Panel 'takeover' newsletter edition which is put together by panel members Amanda Roberts, Anjna Rani and Irene Soulsby. Providing examples of how you've been involved in dermatology (and other) research projects can really help both those new to patient and public involvement and those panel members who might want to try doing something a bit different. If you're happy to do this, [please get in touch](#) and we'll follow up with you.

Dermatology Priority Setting Partnerships (PSPs) - What's New????

A total of [fourteen PSPs](#) have been carried out across a range of dermatology conditions over the past 15+ years including [eczema](#), [psoriasis](#), [vitiligo](#), [skin cancer surgery](#) and [hair loss](#). PSPs involve stakeholders, including healthcare professionals and patients and carers, working together using a [pre-defined process](#) to identify a 'top 10' list for future research. The process takes 12-18 months and priorities identified are then picked up by both research funders to help inform their future funding strategies and by research teams to help evidence that research in a particular area is needed.

Studies CEBD has been involved in that have arisen from PSPs include the [PEARLS](#) study on lichen sclerosus, the [ACNE-ID](#) study, the [THESEUS](#) HS project and many many more. We're pleased to let you know that there are two new dermatology PSPs coming soon. The [UK Dermatology Clinical Trials Network](#) has recently funded a team to deliver a PSP in Treatment and Management of Dermatological Conditions in Skin of Colour and the [National Eczema Society](#) are preparing to undertake a new eczema PSP as many of the uncertainties identified by the original eczema PSP completed back in 2012 have now been answered. We'll keep you updated on these new PSPs over the next year, but please [get in touch](#) if you have any queries.

CEBD Patient Panel Meeting Saturday 16th May 2026

We're really pleased to let you know that the programme for our face to face meeting, taking place at [Jubilee Conference Centre](#) on Saturday 16th May, has now been finalised. These meetings are a great opportunity to meet and network with other panel members and CEBD staff. The learning and development sessions included are based on feedback from previous meetings.

Although we can't pay for your time for attending, a £30 Amazon voucher is provided as a token of appreciation after the meeting and travel costs will of course be covered (we can pre-book travel if preferred). If you'd like to attend and haven't let us know already, please just [get in touch](#) as we still have a few places available (we're also happy to answer any queries you might have).

Time	Activity	Session lead
10am	Registration	
10.15am	Welcome and introductions	
10.30am	Update on CEBD activities	Kim Thomas
11.00am	What actually is the NIHR? (interactive learning session)	Carron Layfield
11.40am	Refreshment break	
12.00noon	Sustainability in healthcare: 'medicines wastage in dermatology' (interactive workshop)	Jane Harvey Nuala Hampson
1.00pm	Lunch	
2.00pm	Study workshops (opportunity to input to CEBD research projects) Option1: Topical Steroid Withdrawal (TSW) project Option 2: To be confirmed	Pippa Bowes
3.00pm	Skin cancer update (learning session)	Pippa Bowes Carron Layfield
3.45pm	Close of meeting	

WhatsApp Group

Did you know there is a CEBD Patient Panel WhatsApp group? Led by panel member Irene Soulsby this is a great way for panel members to keep in touch informally outside of structured CEBD activities. Please [let us know](#) if you'd like to join the group.

And finally...other interesting things that caught our eye

- The National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) will be 20 years old in 2026—you can find out more, including how to share your stories, [here](#).
- Did you now that the contract to deliver the NIHR '[Maximising Impact and Public Partnerships](#)' (MIPP) initiative (previously known as the NIHR Centre for Evidence and Dissemination) has been [withdrawn](#) less than 12 months after it was awarded? The Department of Health and Social Care stated that the strategic functions of the MIPP contract are "no longer best served in a standalone contract" and that these activities will now be integrated directly into the NIHR's core business as maximising impact and public partnerships is everybody's business at the NIHR and central to everything they do. Let's all watch this space!
- We hear a lot about the role of AI in healthcare, please see the [British Association of Dermatologists website](#) for their position (which includes a '[lay](#)' summary).