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# CENTRE OF EVIDENCE BASED DERMATOLOGY (CEBD)



## **Patient Panel Newsletter**

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## **CEBD Patient Panel Training Event**



The second CEBD Patient Panel Training Event was held at Attenborough Nature Reserve on Monday 14th June and we're pleased to report that the meeting was a another success! Although we had less attendees than the first event (nine panel members attended on the day) most reported back to us that the meeting had been really useful which is very rewarding to hear. The day kicked off with a feedback session about the activities panel members had been taking part in, and the impact that this had had on CEBD research. Those who attended thought this was a really worthwhile session as it demonstrated the many different ways to get involved.

The morning continued with a presentation from Derek Stewart, Associate Director for Patient and Public Involvement at the NIHR Clinical Research Network about how important it is for patients and carers to get involved in the research process. This was followed by a jargon busting workshop to try and de-mystify some of the terms used in clinical research. Alongside this, we've developed a glossary of terms used in clinical research

which was distributed on the day and will shortly be available on the website.

The afternoon began with an interactive chocolate tasting workshop, designed by Hywel Williams to demonstrate the things to look for in a well designed clinical trial. This session was the highlight of the day for many and was great fun! The day was rounded off with a workshop looking at setting research priorities for eczema treatments. If you want to get more involved in this prioritisation process please let Carron know and we'll pass your details on to the research team.



Feedback from the day indicated that the best aspect of the event for many attendees was meeting up with everyone and finding out what we'd all been up to. A very big thank you to all those panel members who attended and we hope to see more of you at the next event which we're planning to hold in the New Year.

If you couldn't attend on the day, you should have received a delegate pack from the event in the post by now. If not, please get in touch and let us know and we'll send one out to you. Please remember to let us know your up to date postal address to help us keep in touch with you!

### **BAD Patient Information Leaflets**

The British Association of Dermatologists website has some really useful patient information leaflets on a wide variety of skin disorders and commonly used treatments. The information is regularly updated and can be found at <a href="http://www.bad.org.uk//site/578/default.aspx">http://www.bad.org.uk//site/578/default.aspx</a>

#### **Derek Stewart**

Derek Stewart is Associate Director for Patient and Public Involvement at the NIHR Clinical Research Network and was guest speaker at our training event in June. He has been involved in research as a patient representative for a number of years and was founding chair of the National Cancer Research Consumer Liason Group. If anyone has any queries following on from the training event or related to patient involvement in research at all, they can contact him via e-mail on Derek.C.Stewart@nihr.ac.uk.

## **Next Panel Training Event**

We're planning on holding the next CEBD patient Panel Training Event early in 2011. If there are any topics you'd particularly like to see covered, or have any suggestions for dates, venues etc then please let Carron know as soon as possible. Thank you!!



## **An Update on Involve**



Involve is a government funded national advisory group which supports greater public involvement in NHS, public health and social care research. One of it's roles it to provide guidance documents for researchers and the public and examples of this include the packs we distributed at the first CEBD Patient Panel Training Event in November 2010. For further details about Involve, please see their website www.invo.org.uk.

#### **Involve National Meeting**

The 2010 Involve National Conference entitled 'Public Involvement in Research: Innovation and Impact' is being held on 16th and 17th Nov at East Midlands Conference Centre, Nottingham. To find out more about the meeting, go to the conference booking website http://www.profbriefings.co.uk/involve2010/index.html.

If you are actively involved in CEBD research activities and think you might be interested in attending the meeting, please e-mail Carron to see if we can help with travel and registration costs.

#### **Involve Summer Newsletter**

An article about the CEBD Patient Panel is being published in the Involve Summer Newsletter at the beginning of August. A big thank you to panel members Amanda Roberts and Jason Simons who helped with writing this and you'll all be receiving a copy in the post later in August when we've received them from Involve.



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Hope you all have a wonderful Summer and we'll be in touch again in September.

