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## Newsflash

**20 December 2017**

### Midwinter break

You may be interested to know that in addition to Christmas, other celebrations this month include the Prophet Mohamed's birthday, Yalda (Zoroastrian winter solace), Buddha's Enlightenment and Hannukah (Jewish Festival of Light). Whatever you are celebrating, the Team at PHWE would like to take this opportunity to wish you peace and happiness during this festive time. We will return in the New Year with the first Newsflash on 10th January.



### Event: Rewriting Psychosis screening

**20th January, Bristol****For:** Anyone interested**What:** [Bristol Health Partners Psychosis Health Integration Team \(HIT\)](#) is running

this community screening of award-winning film CRAZYWISE followed by speakers, debate and snacks.

[Click for more info](#)

### Involvement Opportunity: GPs in Emergency Depts

**Apply by 5th January, meeting 27th  
February, Bristol**

**For:** Patients and carers who have attended an Emergency Department in the past year for non-life-threatening or life-changing symptoms.

**What:** Researchers based at Cardiff University are recruiting people to attend a



### Star Awards 2018--Patient Voice

**Nominations close 12th January**

The [Star Awards](#) recognise the very best in education and training across the health and care sector in the south west. The **patient voice** category recognises the

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Emergency Departments. At the meeting, the researchers will share the results of their research so far, and seek help planning the next stage. Contact project officer [Nigel Pearson](mailto:Nigel.Pearson@cardiff.ac.uk) [PearsonN3@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:PearsonN3@cardiff.ac.uk) for more information and an application form.

## NHS Public Involvement

Sign up for [In Touch](#), a monthly bulletin for members of the public, to find out how to get involved in NHS England's work and have your say. [December's In Touch](#) includes the following:

### Consultation: Promoting health in minority ethnic groups

**closes 8th January**

**For:** Interested organisations and individuals (via registered stakeholders)  
**What:** NICE (National Institute for Health and Care Excellence) is consulting on a new draft quality standard--'Black, Asian and other minority ethnic groups: promoting health and preventing premature mortality'

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Please feel free to pass this on to anyone you feel may be interested.

#### About PHWE:

People in Health West of England is a collaborative approach to involving patients and other members of the public to promote a strong public voice for better involvement, better research and better health.

training.

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## Connecting Care

The [Connecting Care website](#) is now live. [Connecting Care](#) is a digital care record system for sharing information in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire. It allows instant, secure access to your health and social care records for the professionals involved in your care.

## Health literacy toolkit

NHS Health Education England has helped develop the [Health Literacy Toolkit](#), a suite of resources to raise awareness of health literacy and provide practical tools



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