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| **New guide for LGBT patients on what to expect from their doctor** |

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| A new guide for lesbian, gay, bi and trans (LGBT) patients, setting out what they should expect from their doctor, has been published to coincide with the start of Pride Month by the General Medical Council (GMC). The medical regulator has produced the guide – its first aimed specifically at LGBT patients – in conjunction with LGBT rights charity Stonewall and LGBT doctors’ organisation GLADD. It makes clear that all patients, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity or trans status, should be treated fairly and without discrimination, should have their confidentiality respected, and must not be denied access to appropriate treatment or healthcare services because of a doctor’s personal beliefs. The GMC already has core guidance, for doctors, on the standards that all patients should expect. The new LGBT patient information includes examples of what LGBT patients should and shouldn’t expect from their doctor and what to do if they are concerned about their care. The GMC’s guide for LGBT patients is available online [here](https://patients-association.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9dd6577cf3f36af3c2f6682ed&id=4f95dcc9e1&e=b00dac9705). |

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| **NHS Outpatient Transformation Programme looking for patient input** |

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| The National Outpatient Transformation Programme is looking for Patient and Public Voice (PPV) partners including a chair for the advisory group. PPV partners include patients, service users, carers, families, and other members of the public. The positions available are chair, deputy chair and two PPV partners. Those selected will ensure the voice of patients, their families and the public are represented on the National Outpatient Programme Patient and Voluntary Sector Advisory Group (PVSAG). This is a key partner role that involves providing strategic advice and insights to the Outpatient Transformation Programme.PPV partners will be expected to:* Attend monthly PVSAG to represent the views of patients, carers, families and the public
* Share views on ongoing or proposed outpatient transformation initiatives and documents

 If you’re interested there’s a [role description](https://patients-association.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9dd6577cf3f36af3c2f6682ed&id=64212e8ccb&e=b00dac9705) and information about the Outpatient Transformation Programme. To apply complete the [application form](https://patients-association.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9dd6577cf3f36af3c2f6682ed&id=c7cc64d6ac&e=b00dac9705) and email to Kevwe.raleigh-ekeke@nhs.net.  |

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| **Still open for your opinions** |

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| Our shared decision-making survey is an important part of our ongoing work to empower and enable patients to have a greater say in decisions about their care and treatment. It asks you a few questions about the role you play in your own health, and how you feel about this.  |

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| [**Take the survey**](https://patients-association.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9dd6577cf3f36af3c2f6682ed&id=2e7b587b53&e=b00dac9705) |

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| **NHS England sharing patient data** |

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| Plans for sharing data from GP records have recently attracted media attention. The new scheme is the General Practice Data for Planning and Research data collection, which is intended help the NHS to improve health and care services. It replaces existing schemes under which GP practices already share some data from records. More information is [available from NHS Digital](https://patients-association.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9dd6577cf3f36af3c2f6682ed&id=0d95b8d6f0&e=b00dac9705), including on how to opt out if you wish to. We are assessing whether the new scheme complies with our policy on the use of patient data, and will publish more analysis in a future edition of Weekly News. |

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| [**Position statement**](https://patients-association.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9dd6577cf3f36af3c2f6682ed&id=b7c63d0e9a&e=b00dac9705) |

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| **From the helpline** |

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| Chloe\* called our free helpline to ask what she could do when the GP practice she is registered with refused to register her new born baby. When Chloe called the practice, the receptionist told her they wouldn’t be taking on any new patients until June. So, Chloe asked to speak to the practice manager, but after a conversation Chloe described as ‘unhelpful’, she called us. Her primary concern was that the baby needed to begin her immunisations. Our adviser suggested Chloe get in touch with the NHS England, and gave her the contact details, so that it could advise on responsibilities of the GP practice.\* Name changed for privacy. To share your experiences with our helpline team, call 0800 3457115 between 9.30am and 5pm on weekdays or email helpline@patients-association.org.uk. See [our website](https://patients-association.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9dd6577cf3f36af3c2f6682ed&id=0b954fc8b6&e=b00dac9705)for more ways to get in touch.  |

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| **What our team is reading this week** |

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| [**COVID: Indian variant 'now dominant' in the UK**](https://patients-association.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9dd6577cf3f36af3c2f6682ed&id=1ede6aa2c2&e=b00dac9705) |

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| [**COVID-19: Coronavirus vaccine could be made compulsory for NHS staff, minister says**](https://patients-association.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9dd6577cf3f36af3c2f6682ed&id=fc44397137&e=b00dac9705) |

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| [**COVID-19 affecting mental health is 'the norm', research shows**](https://patients-association.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9dd6577cf3f36af3c2f6682ed&id=81f8734e8a&e=b00dac9705) |

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| [**Drug may help more women survive hereditary breast cancer**](https://patients-association.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9dd6577cf3f36af3c2f6682ed&id=8adcb9e2cb&e=b00dac9705) |

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| [**Flying the flag for ethnic minority participation in research**](https://patients-association.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9dd6577cf3f36af3c2f6682ed&id=3acba6fb07&e=b00dac9705) |

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