

## Welcome to the Patients Association's Weekly News

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### Gathering your experience of wound care



Nearly three million people in the UK live with a chronic wound. Chronic wounds can be very painful and debilitating.

We're working with Mölnlycke, a global medical products company that specializes in wound management, on a survey into chronic wound management. We want to hear from everyone, not just individuals who have chronic wounds.

The survey should take between 10 to 15 minutes. In addition to this survey, the Patients Association is also conducting a virtual focus group and looking for case studies. For the focus group and case studies, we're looking for people with experience of chronic wounds. If you would like to be considered for the focus group or case study interviews, please contact Sharrie McIntosh [sharrie.mcintosh@patients-association.org.uk](mailto:sharrie.mcintosh@patients-association.org.uk)

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## Patient and NHS groups unite in call for social care solution



In its new report, [Let's do this: The promise of fixing social care](#), the [Health for Care](#) coalition is calling on the Government to deliver on its promise to address the failures of the social care system.

The Patients Association is a member of the Health for Care coalition, and contributed to the report. Commenting on the launch of the report, our Chief Executive, Rachel Power, said that the social care system is, "simply not set up to meet people's needs today.

"More people are living for longer with conditions that can't be treated by the NHS, and they rightly expect care and support to allow them to continue to live well and play an active role in society. The current system creates an enormous disparity between people with some health conditions who are treated for free on the NHS, and others who struggle to access care at all and are charged when they do. A clear, equitable offer that people can count on to provide care and support when they are in need is absolutely imperative."

[Read the report](#)

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**A&E waiting time changes – last chance to tell us your views!**



Our survey about possible changes to waiting time targets in accident and emergency departments closes at the end of Monday.

If you want to give us your views, and haven't already, please do so over the next few days. What you tell us will determine whether we support the proposals or not.

[The survey](#), which should take 10 minutes or so to complete, and gives you key details about the proposals as you go through it.

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## Patient experts wanted for NHS groups to help commissioning for mental health services



NHS Provider Collaboratives are groups that work to improve patient care by drawing on lived experience from patients, and specialist expertise from professionals. Two groups are looking for patients with lived experience to share their views on new approaches to commissioning care for:

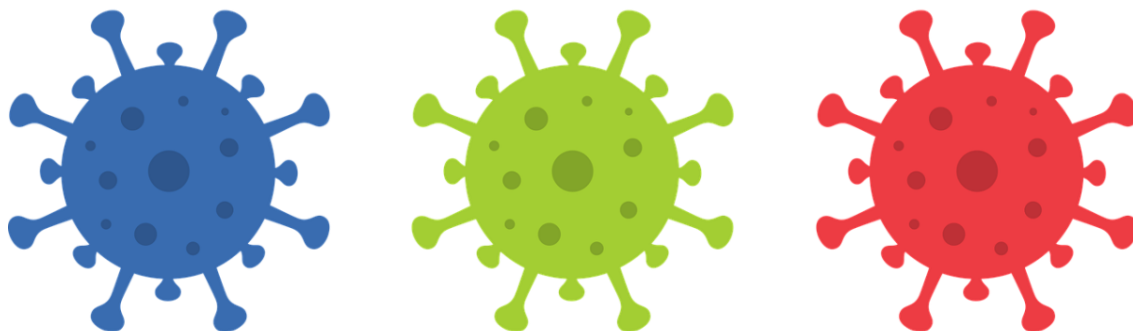
- People with complex emotional needs and/or a history of trauma
- Women and their families accessing perinatal mental health services.

More information about these roles and the application process is available on the NHS England website.

[Find out more](#)

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## Could you donate plasma to help treat COVID-19 patients?



NHS Blood and Transplant is encouraging people who have had COVID-19 to [donate plasma](#) for treatment trials and potential use in hospitals.

Blood plasma is a liquid that makes up about half your blood volume. After a virus, your plasma contains antibodies that help fight infection. A transfusion of plasma from someone who has recovered from coronavirus may help people who are still ill.

[Find out more](#)

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## Review of registers for healthcare professionals





Thank you to those who have already completed our survey into possible changes to healthcare regulation by the Professional Standards Authority (PSA).

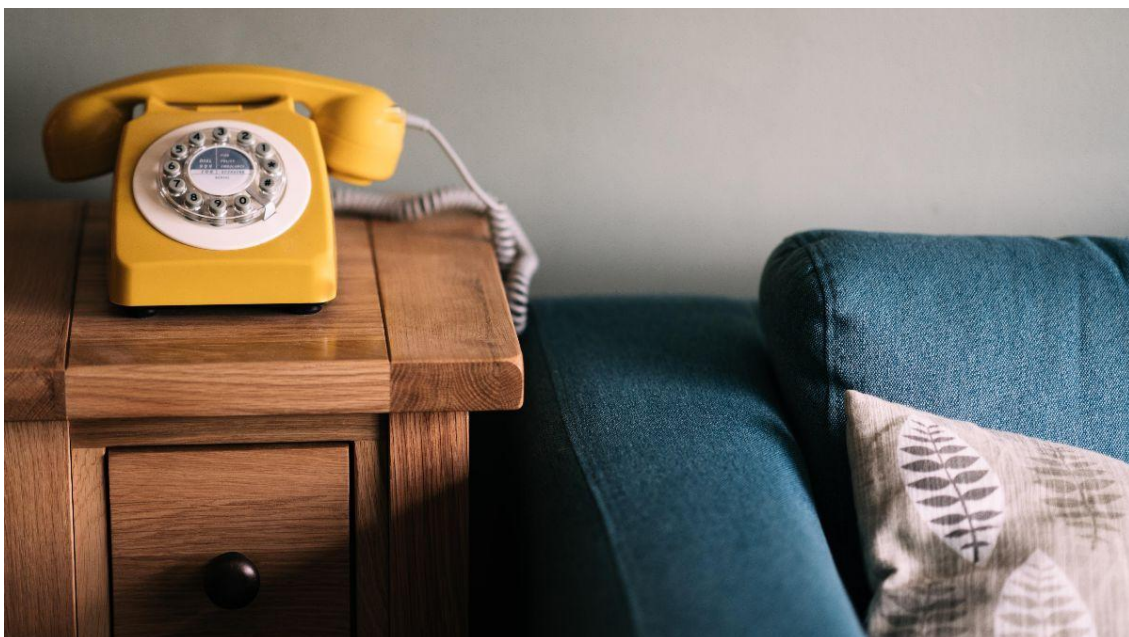
The PSA accredits the registers of health professionals whose roles are not legally regulated and is reviewing how it does this, and we want to hear what you think about it.

What you tell us will determine our response. The full consultation is [available here](#) but our survey will also provide you with the key facts as you go.

[Tell us what you think](#)

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## Contact our helpline



We have a range of information leaflets [on our website](#) which contain useful information and pointers if you have a quick question about your health and social care.

If you can't find the answers you need there, you can always call our helpline on 0800 3457115 between 9.30am and 5pm on weekdays, or email [helpline@patients-association.org.uk](mailto:helpline@patients-association.org.uk). See our website for more ways to get in touch.

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## What our team is reading

[UK COVID deaths: Why the 100,000 toll is so bad](#)

[Here are five ways the government could have avoided 100,000 COVID deaths](#)

[Public perceptions of health and social care in light of COVID](#)

[2021 Projections on the Future of Patient Engagement in Pharma](#)

[COVID vaccine: If ethnic minorities are more vulnerable they should be on priority list, says inequality group](#)

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## About Us

Our vision is that health and social care will be delivered in a way that meets every person's health and social care needs.

Our mission is to give effect to the patient voice, to improve patient experience and support people to engage fully in their own care. Find out more about our values on our [website](#).



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