



## THE FUTURE OF HAPIA - 2017

We have recently consulted on the future of HAPIA because we need to redirect our resources in order to sustain the momentum of the highly successful organisation that we have been since 2003. We developed three national PPI representational bodies –the NAPF (National Association of Patients’ Forums), NALM (National Association of LINKs Members and HAPIA (Healthwatch and Public Involvement Association). We have done some wonderful work and as our 2016 Annual Report shows, we are still running productive and influential campaigns.

The response to our consultation was very positive and many of those who responded expressed their strong support for HAPIA to continue with its work as a body that challenges NHS policy and strategy and those who commission and provide services; although using a different model. So we shall no longer run an individual members’ database and collect membership fees but we invite you to support HAPIA as a campaigning organisation and pressure group, and to continue to make your various practical contributions to our work.

You will continue to receive circulations from Ruth through our communications system.

**We now look to you to set up standing orders to HAPIA to enable our efforts.**

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Please feel free to suggest priorities for us for the coming year:

- 1) Challenging the anti-democratic STPs and finding ways of curing the infection they have cast upon the NHS?
- 2) A focus on promoting accountability, transparency, diversity, campaigning and public consultation?
- 3) Challenging the poor performance of NHSE in relation to public involvement, engagement and inclusion?
- 4) Using our numerous contacts and expertise to challenge health policy at national, regional and local levels. We have good contacts in the House of Lords, Commons, NHS Leadership Academy and we are respected for our independence?
- 5) Campaigning for the next government to introduce a publicly funded, independent and powerful Healthwatch. It would not take much to reform Healthwatch – abolition is not required?
- 6) Challenging the role of Multi-Speciality Community Providers (MCPs) which are the government's next model to undermine public accountability in the NHS?
- 7) Carrying out surveys of commissioners and providers on issues of concern?

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