



A Call for Submissions by the All Party Parliamentary Groups (APPGs) on Global Health; Health; HIV/AIDS; Patient and Public Involvement in Health and Social Care; Global Tuberculosis; and Population, Development and Reproductive Health.

Examples, evidence and ideas sought on patient empowerment around the world

UK Parliamentarians, representing six All Party Parliamentary Groups, have launched a global call for submissions on ways to better engage and empower patients in their own care.

The groups are seeking examples, evidence and ideas from around the world to help address the following two questions:

- 1. What could the UK learn from low, middle and high income countries in the way it empowers patients to play an active role in their healthcare?**
- 2. What more could the UK be doing globally to promote and enable the empowerment of patients abroad (particularly in low and middle income countries)?**

Submissions will be used to inform the review, the output of which will be a report showcasing promising new developments that the UK and other countries could learn from, and recommendations of how the UK could help to support the patient empowerment agenda internationally.

Submissions should be sent to jonty.roland@parliament.uk and must be received by **15th November 2013**.

Background and rationale

Global lessons: Healthcare systems around the world are becoming increasingly interested in strengthening the role of patients in their own care. In the UK, patient empowerment has been an objective of successive governments over many years, with recent initiatives including new networks of local patient groups, support for greater self-management of some chronic conditions, and a national Quality Standard. For the most part, however, the effects of these changes have fallen short of expectations, with national policies continuing to emphasise the need for fundamental change.

Part One of this review has been established to identify innovative new ways that are being used to enhance the role of patients. Examples from high-income countries, including the UK, are welcome, but a particular emphasis is also being placed on lessons from low and middle income countries, which may have been overlooked in the past.

Global leadership: While having much to learn from the rest of the world, the UK has in the past also played a leadership role in advancing the patient empowerment agenda at an international level. A movement to promote patient empowerment globally is slowly building, but nascent. Part Two of this review has been established to look at whether stronger leadership is needed to support this movement, and if so what part the UK could play in this.

Definitions and scope

Considerable debate exists as to how to define patient empowerment and a host of competing and overlapping terms are commonly used. The emphasis of this review is primarily on **strengthening the role of people who receive health or care services (and their carers and families)**, rather than involvement of the wider community in local planning and priority setting. It is recognised, however, that in some cases such a distinction can be unclear.

It is not the intention of Part One of this inquiry to attempt a systematic review of formally evaluated patient empowerment interventions. Rather, the focus is on gathering promising new developments internationally, and particularly from parts of the world that may have been overlooked as sources of lessons and ideas.

Format of submissions

Who is eligible to make a submission? Any organisation or individual is welcome to make a submission to the review, however we ask that organisations include a short description of their purpose and functions and that individuals list any affiliations or relevant experience.

What kind of information is being sought? Submissions likely to be accepted include case studies, journal articles, expert opinion or organisational perspectives. We will accept existing work or specific responses written for this call, so long as they help to address the two key questions above.

What format should submissions take? Submissions will be accepted in any format. We ask that you include a short summary paragraph with any submissions longer than six pages. We regret that only English-language submissions will be accepted.

Further information

If you would like further information about this review or guidance on making a submission, please contact Jonty Roland, Policy Director of the APPG on Global Health (jonty.roland@parliament.uk).

To find out more about the groups involved in this review please visit their websites:

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