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Happy New Year! This is the second of what will be a series of regular bulletins that we send out to members via post or email. In these bulletins we will advertise opportunities for people to get involved in the MHRN and mental health research generally. **If anyone has anything that they would like to be in the bulletin then please let us know. You can email us at: mhrnppi@kcl.ac.uk.**

MHRN PPI Conference

The MHRN will be holding a one day conference for service users, carers, and the public on 8th March 2010. We will be presenting some of the hot topics in mental health, and asking:

- Are mental health issues accurately reported?
- What do you think about genetic research?
- What issues do service users and carers share?

The conference will be free of charge and will be held in Central London. A flyer and provisional programme are available from the MHRN website:

<http://www.mhrn.info/index/news/newsItems/PPI-Conference-2010.html>

Expressions of Interest

If you are interested in attending the event please register your interest by emailing Michael Morgan at PPIConference@talktalk.net or telephone Lorraine McPherson on 020 7848 0644. Please do note we expect demand for places to be to be high and registering your interest does not guarantee a place.

Poster Abstract Submission Form

The conference will include poster presentations. We welcome poster abstract submissions on any aspect of service user or carer involvement in mental health research. Details on how to submit are outlined on the **Poster Abstract Submission Form** which can be downloaded from <http://www.mhrn.info/index/news/newsItems/PPI-Conference-2010.html>. **The closing date for poster abstracts is 10th February 2010**

How the BBC Reports on Mental Health Research

The MHRN has commissioned Evaluametrics to undertake an evaluation on how the BBC reports mental health research. The full report "BBC Stories of mental disorder and neuroscience research 1999 - 2008 and the papers they cite" is available on the MHRN website at:

<http://www.mhrn.info/index/news/newsItems/BBC-report.html>

The report will also be presented at the 2010 MHRN PPI Conference

Service Users with experience of Psychosis Needed for Focus Group

Some researchers from Imperial College London and Kings College London need **six** service users to take part in a focus group to be held on Friday the 22nd January 2010 in Camberwell, South London. The study is entitled PROMISE and it aims to find commonly used outcome measures in research are more valued by service users. At the moment the researchers have twelve outcome measures and would like the focus group to rank the measures in terms of user value

All travel expenses will be paid and a fee would be payable as well. Please note that participants would have to claim payment and travel expenses via Imperial College London. The researchers are particularly keen to include people who have had previous experience in taking part in mental health research.

To express your interest in taking part please email Thomas Kabir at: thomas.kabir@kcl.ac.uk saying a little about yourself and your experience of taking part in mental health research and leaving a telephone number. **Those who have been chosen to take part in the focus group will be contacted by the 16th January.**