

Engaging patients and the public in healthcare genetics

*A consultation event on the Scottish Government's
Patients' Rights Bill for Users of the NHS in Scotland*

**On Tuesday 9th December 2008, City Chambers
Edinburgh**

Join us for an event to launch Gengage and GIG's networks and to participate in a consultation on the Patients' Rights Bill. The day's discussions will be compiled and presented to the Scottish Government Health Department in response to the consultation.

Aims of the event

- Give your views and discuss the issues
- Share your experience of using or working within NHS Scotland
- Discuss how the new rights might work in practice
- Meet others in the healthcare genetics community and get involved with GIG and Gengage as patient / public engagement organisations

Register

To attend any part of the day, register by emailing genadmin@gengage.org.uk, telephone 0131 651 4750 or write to Gengage & GIG, ESRC Genomics Forum, University of Edinburgh, St John's Land, Holyrood Road, Edinburgh, EH8 8AQ.

Who are we?

The Genetic Interest Group is a UK wide charity that operates as an alliance of over 140 patient groups and medical charities. In Scotland we have recently established a Patient Engagement Network to feed patient experience back to the NHS and the Scottish Government (SG). Gengage is the Scottish Healthcare Genetics Public Engagement Network which connects people who are working to enhance public engagement. Both projects were recommended by the Calman Review (SG Policy) and this event is being organised in part to launch both networks.

Draft programme

10.30 Registration and refreshments

11.00 Welcome and introduction to the day

Introduction to Gengage and the GIG Patient Engagement Network

Overview of the Patients' Rights Bill

Sharing different perspectives on the Bill and its implications

Discussion of the Bill and its implications for genetics part 1

12.30 Lunch

1.45 Discussion of the Bill and its implications for genetics part 2

Gathering your views on the Bill

- Do you agree with the inclusion of these rights and responsibilities?

- Is there anything you would like to add?

- What do patients and/or the NHS need to do to make this happen?

4.00 Refreshments and networking opportunity

Opportunity to feedback on how Gengage and GIG can support you and take forward the day's discussions

5.30 Close