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## Training for Health Scrutiny Committee Members

### Introduction

Overview & Scrutiny Committees (OSC's) are an important part of the Government's commitment to put patients and the public at the centre of health services. To new members the structures and systems within the NHS may be a potential barrier to fulfilling their role. This training offers members knowledge and support, so that they can influence and make a positive impact on scrutiny of health services.

### Workshop content

The workshop is interactive and relaxed, and will run over a 4 hour period at a time convenient to members, during which we cover the following topics:-

- **Brief Review of NHS structures** – this is mainly an information giving session using 'A guide to the NHS for members and officers of health scrutiny committees,' and handouts.
- **New patient and public involvement structures** – Brief summary of how we've got to where we are today, history of user involvement, carers and relatives, - discussion and handout about PPI forums, CPPIH, OSC, ICAS and PALS. Handout provided.
- **What is the role of the OSC and my role as an OSC member ?**– Discussions & group work covering the Department of Health 'Overview & Scrutiny of Health – Guidance'. This is the main session and covers the rights and role of OSC's and their members, working with PPI Forums, planning scrutiny and responding to formal consultations
- **Did we meet all the objectives?** -We finish with an evaluation form and discussion.

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