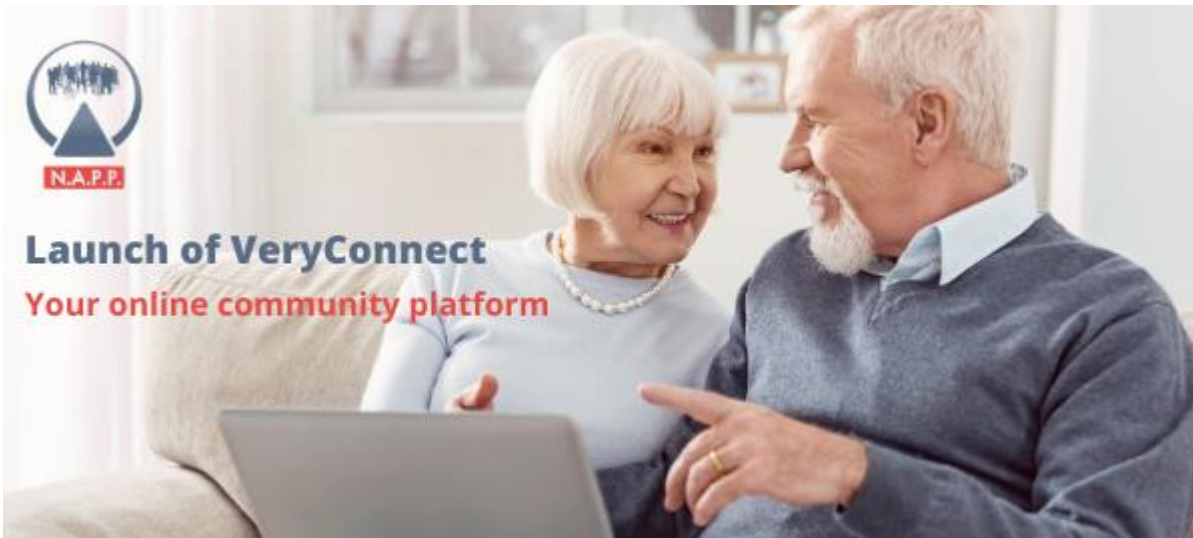




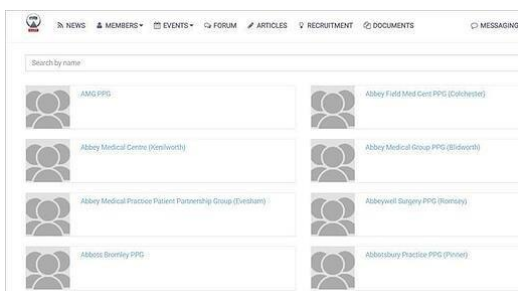
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## Launch of VeryConnect on 1 February 2021!

Our members are increasingly expressing the need to connect with each other. N.A.P.P. has listened and we are excited to announce that we will be launching our new online community platform for our members on 1 February 2021. We have chosen a UK based platform called VeryConnect to do this. Read on to find out what this will mean for your Patient Participation Group.



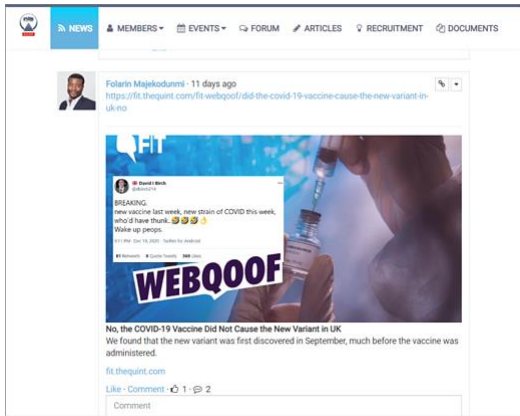
## Membership database

The self-service portal will allow you to easily join and renew membership and update your contact details. You can see where other members are

based, find members based on their interests, and send them a message.

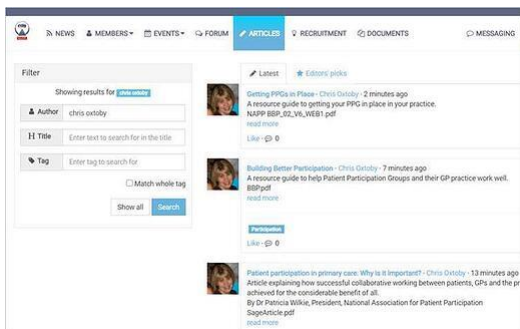
## Social pages

You will be able to post news items to promote the activities of your PPG. This professional platform also allows you to import items from Twitter, share images, and copy and paste from Facebook and YouTube.



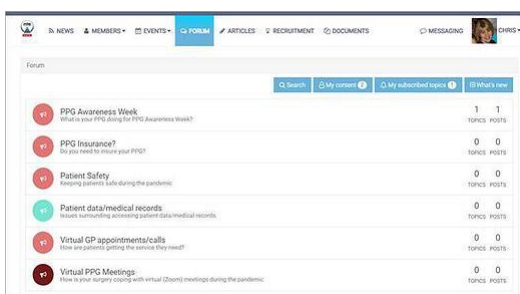
## Articles

You will be able to submit articles for approval by Trustees and share these with the entire membership. We will also use this area to re-publish some of our most valuable documents and informative resources.



## Forums

Forums will be one of the most powerful areas of our new Membership platform. Here you can post questions, ideas or thoughts on a wide variety of topics, enabling other PPGs to engage with and respond to you.



## **Membership renewal payments processing**

You will be able to pay your subscription online, by card payment. We will continue to accept direct bank payments (BACs) and cheques for the short term, but we hope you will take advantage of the easier card payment facility. Renewal reminders will be automated from the system, and you will be sent a reminder prompting you to log in and pay the renewal fee. Once paid, all members of your PPG will be able to view all areas of the membership area.

## **Email campaigns**

We will no longer be limited to just one contact for receiving news from N.A.P.P. We will allow up to 10 contacts in each PPG to be set up on VeryConnect, all of whom can participate fully in the conversations and news as and when it arises.

## **In short**

VeryConnect will provide a unique space for our members to connect, network, access opportunities and learn from each other. The power of community is huge. Our members will have easy access to learn from each other, mining the wisdom of successful PPGs and helping each other out along the way. We hope it will provide our members with a support network of PPGs who are going through the exact same journey as your own PPG.

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