

Health campaigners: a profile

HSCNEWS INTERNATIONAL IS TWO-AND-A-HALF YEARS OLD. PAGES 6-21 OF THIS ISSUE OF *HSCNEWS* REFLECT ON SOME OF THE CHANGES WITHIN THE HEALTH CAMPAIGNING MOVEMENT DURING THE PAST 30 MONTHS.

PAGES 37-43 RETURN TO THE SUBJECT OF PHARMACEUTICAL FUNDING OF PATIENT ORGANISATIONS BY LOOKING AT THE UK AS A CASE STUDY. THE ARTICLE CONSIDERS A NEW INITIATIVE BY THE ASSOCIATION OF THE BRITISH PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY (ABPI)—A SET OF GUIDELINES FOR ITS MEMBERS THAT AIM TO BRING GREATER TRANSPARENCY AND LEGITIMACY TO FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES AND HEALTH CAMPAIGNERS.

PAGES 22-36 RELEASE THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY COMMISSIONED BY HEALTH CONSUMER POWERHOUSE (A BRUSSELS- AND STOCKHOLM-BASED RESEARCH ORGANISATION). THE SURVEY, WHICH WAS HELD BETWEEN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2005, ASKED EUROPEAN HEALTH ADVOCATES TO PONDER THE LIKELY SHAPE OF HEALTHCARE IN 2020.

