

## CLAHRC CP News

### Systems Modelling and Simulation Knowledge Sharing Event

The first inter-CLAHRC knowledge sharing event on systems modelling and simulation was successfully held in Cambridge on 19 and 20 March.

The event was jointly organised by the NIHR CLAHRCs for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and the South West Peninsula with support from the NHS Confederation. The aim was to explore how systems modelling and simulation can help support the implementation of research-based improvements in healthcare services.

Over the 1.5 days delegates were able to discuss specific examples of modelling tools in health improvement initiatives, explore good practice and exchange ideas about how to improve understanding and use of these tools in the NHS.

The participants have expressed interest in staying in touch and the organisers plan to use this as an active special interest group within the NIHR CLAHRCs. The follow up event in Exeter, which is currently under discussion, promises to be an even more exciting opportunity for all interested stakeholders in this growing area of research that seems very relevant and timely in view of current political and economic realities in the United Kingdom and beyond.



For more information on the event, please follow the [link](#) or contact Alexander Komashie at [A.Komashie@eng.cam.ac.uk](mailto:A.Komashie@eng.cam.ac.uk)

### What are the priorities for research in dementia?

#### CIPH in partnership with the Alzheimer's Society and the James Lind Alliance

The Cambridge Institute of Public Health is working with the Alzheimer's Society and the James Lind Alliance in a priority setting partnership for dementia.

The partnership will set priorities for future research around the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care of dementia. It will work with people who have dementia, their carers, former carers, family members, health and social care professionals and members of the community to identify and prioritise the unanswered questions around dementia. This will help ensure that future research can be focused on the issues that are the most critical for those affected.

A survey is now available on the Alzheimer's Society website which gives you the opportunity to submit any questions that you have been unable to find answers for.

For more information about the project and to access the survey [click here](#)

For more information about the James Lind Alliance and its work on Priority Setting Partnerships [click here](#)

### Events

Keep up to date with  
upcoming events



- **Cambridge Institute of Public Health Showcase Day, 2nd May, Cambridge**  
[Click here](#) for more information.
- **HSRN Symposium: Delivering better health services**  
**19-20th June, Manchester Central**  
[Click here](#) to book your place.
- **Social Dimensions of Health Institute**  
**25-26th June, University of St Andrews**  
[Click here](#) for more information.
- **18th International Network for Psychiatric Nursing Research conference**  
**Mental Health Nursing & Research... through the ages**  
**26- 27 September 2012, Oxford**  
Submission deadline 8 May 2012  
[Click here](#) for more information

### Internal meetings

- **Rand Deep Dive**  
20th April
- **MEG**  
23rd April
- **Project Leads**  
23rd April
- **MEG**  
14th May
- **Programme Leads**  
18th May

# CLAHRC/NIHR News

## NIHR CLAHRC Community e-newsletter

To view the latest newsletter please [click here](#)

## Review of programme grants for applied research

A review of Programme Grants for Applied Research is now available on the Programme Grants pages on the [NIHR website](#).

“Programme Grants for Applied Research: six competitions, 100 awards” provides an overview of the programme and the application process and a review of the outcomes of the first six competitions. It also includes case studies from researchers and lay reviewers.

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## Useful links/resources

### PHG Foundation

[Click here](#) to view the latest news stories from the Public Health Genetics Foundation, an independent international non-profit organisation working to achieve the responsible and evidence-based application of biomedical science and genomics for health.

### ERPHO fingertips

[Click here](#) to see the latest updates.

### Social Care and Mental Health Indicators from the National Indicator set

[Click here](#) to see the 2010-11 final release.

### Well-being evidence for policy: a review

This report by the New Economics Foundation summarises academic evidence on wellbeing for policymakers. [Click here](#) to view the report.

### The month

[Click here](#) to see the March 2012 edition of the Department of Health’s monthly update, which includes a letter from Sir David Nicholson on the passing of the Health and Social Care Act.

### Service users in research bulletin

The [April 2012 edition](#) can be downloaded from the mental health research network website.

### Patient-centred healthcare indicators review

This report reviews methods of measuring the patient-centredness of healthcare organisations. [Click here](#) to view the report.

### Reasonably adjusted? Mental health services for people with autism and people with learning disabilities

Examples of how mental health services are responding to the needs of people with LD and those with autism are being sought for an NHS confederation project. [Click here](#) for more information.

### Making Mental Notes to be broadcast Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April

Making Mental Notes is a user-led website and bi-monthly radio programme focusing on mental health. The next programme will focus on dementia carers and will be broadcast on Cambridge Community Radio Station on 29 April 12 – 1 pm. For more information and to listen to the podcast see [www.makingmentalnotes.org.uk](http://www.makingmentalnotes.org.uk)

