

CLAHRC CP News

Welcome to the May edition of the CLAHRC CP newsletter.

This month Caroline Lee, Public Health Policy Coordinator in the Public Health Theme, discusses how the CLAHRC is helping to address the “dementia challenge” launched by the Prime Minister in March, in which research is a major focus.

The survey on dementia research priorities that we publicised in last month’s newsletter, will be open until the 30th June. This initiative led by the James Lind Alliance and the Alzheimer’s Society, in partnership with the Cambridge Institute of Public Health is an opportunity for anyone with an interest in dementia to submit a question about the prevention, treatment, diagnosis and care of dementia that they have been unable to find answers for. For more information please [click here](#).

If you have any comments or questions please contact us at clahrcoffice@cpft.nhs.uk

Dementia Challenge – Dementia Research

David Cameron recently announced a renewed push in what he calls the ‘fight’ against dementia. The [dementia challenge](#) focuses activity in 3 areas - Health and Care, Raising Awareness and the “Dementia-Friendly” Community, and Research and Clinical trials. CLAHRC CP research in the field of dementia and ageing responds to the challenge to improve: 1) diagnosis; 2) health, treatment and care; as well as 3) understanding of the disease and raising awareness. For a visual overview [click here](#).

1) *Diagnosis*. Through systematic reviews of screening for dementia, and diagnostic test accuracy, we look at what tools are available to detect dementia, how suitable they are, how patients, doctors, and carers feel about screening, and what would be the costs, benefits and unintended consequences of screening for dementia.

2) *Care and Treatment*. We have many research and care improvement projects underway, from community-based and primary care, through to the acute sector and related services. One new and important area of work is targeting *reduction in the use of anti-psychotics* in the East of England.

3) Crucial to our ability to quantify and *understand future needs* relating to dementia, are two major longitudinal studies of ageing and dementia: MRC CFAS and CC75C.

We work closely with local partners, including commissioners, to promote the use of research evidence in the planning of services. An important partnership initiative is the development of a dementia register, to help improve the data used for research into treatments and services. In an interview with the [Cambridge Research Horizons magazine](#), Professor Carol Brayne, Director of the Cambridge Institute of Public Health, explains why a dementia register is needed, and how public health is responding to the dementia challenge. For more information about our CLAHRC projects relevant to the dementia challenge visit the [CLAHRC CP website](#).

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Events

Keep up to date with
upcoming events



- **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.
- **World Congress on Active Ageing**
13-17 August, London
[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
[Click here](#) for more information.

CLAHRC/NIHR News

NIHR and the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency have launched a new clinical practice research datalink. This new service takes over all the activities of the previous Research Capability Programme. [Click here](#) for more information.

CLAHRC CP Staff News

Welcome to:

Sarah Hoare who joined the End of Life Care theme at the beginning of May as a research assistant .

Goodbye to:

Eva-Maria Hempe who is leaving the Adult theme and Natalie Momen who is leaving the End of Life Care theme.

Useful links/resources

PHG Foundation

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

ERPHO fingertips

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

Service Users in Research

The [May edition](#) of the Mental Health Research Network "Service Users in Research Bulletin".

Health and wellbeing boards: system leaders or talking shops?

This report by the King's Fund looks at the implementation of the health and wellbeing boards in 50 local authority areas in England.

[Click here](#) to see the report.

Long-term health gains: Investing in emotional and psychological wellbeing for patients with long-term conditions and medically unexplained symptoms

This report by the Mental Health Network provides an overview of psychological need and interventions in long-term physical conditions and in medically unexplained symptoms. [Click here](#) for the full report and [click here](#) for the summary briefing.

From vision to action: making patient centred care a reality

The Richmond Group is an alliance of leading health and social care charities. In this [report](#) they set out their agenda for change for achieving patient centred care in the NHS.

Housing 21 report: The Dementia Voice Nurse Service Pilot

Evaluation of the role of a dementia specialist community-based End of Life Care nurse, piloted in London.

[Click here](#) to see the report.

Toolkit for improving care for frail older people

This [toolkit](#) produced by Royal College of Physicians in collaboration with the British Geriatrics Society, recommends procedures for both initial assessment of frail older people on admission and later Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment.



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