

CLAHRC CP News

CLAHRC CP at the Health Services Research Network Conference

Six members of CLAHRC CP attended the 2012 Health Services Research Network Annual Symposium in Manchester on 19 – 20 June. The event attracted more than 330 delegates and featured presentations on new and emerging research in health care, innovation clinics and CLAHRC-led workshops.

Dr Louise Lafortune, Senior Research Associate in the public Health theme, presented findings from a collaborative study between the CLAHRC and NHS East of England which demonstrates that the clinical effectiveness of low intensity cognitive behaviour therapies (CBT) based interventions delivered over the telephone (OTT) was equivalent to those delivered face-to-face (F2F). The findings suggest that OTT is cost-effective, providing the potential for significant financial savings in this context. A paper with these findings has been published in PLoS ONE: <http://www.plosone.org/home.action>

Dr Mai Luen Wong, Associate Specialist for Liaison Psychiatry at Addenbrooke's Hospital, presented her CLAHRC Fellowship project on frequent attendance in A&E as part of the conference programme on productivity. Dr Wong used a design tool known as "personas" to analyse the population of frequent attenders. Her work has been highlighted in a post-event blog on the new HSR Live website: <http://www.hsrlive.org/>.

CLAHRC CP also presented a number of posters at the conference, including 'design based service improvement - A design resource for the ageing population', 'Building design capacity in healthcare through the training of medical students: a case study', 'Design based service improvement- systems modelling and simulation as a design tool', 'Improvement activity of healthcare services: observations on current practice and hospital admission rates for adults with learning disabilities'.

More information about the event and all the presentations can be found on the NHS confederation website: <http://www.nhsconfed.org/Networks/HealthServiceResearchNetwork/Events/previousevents/HSRN-Symposium-2012/Pages/main-page.aspx>

NIHR Biomedical Research Centre and Unit Experimental Medicine Research Training Camp

Two CLAHRC PhD students, Rianne Van Der Linde and Ruth Spence attended the NIHR research training camp.

'The NIHR training camp explored how we, as scientists, can properly communicate our science to a wide variety of audiences. This involved finding out about a large number of channels that can be used including communicating with patients and the public, using electronic media and writing press releases. The main part of the training camp revolved around developing a communication strategy for how we would communicate a piece of research to our chosen audience, but there were surprises along the way including writing a lay summary and a press releases, as well as interviews with a journalist. The training camp culminated in each group presenting their research and communication strategy and answering some, at times, tricky questions from a panel of experts. Definitely made you think about the issues and potential pitfalls of communicating good science'.

For more information please see: <http://www.profbriefings.co.uk/nihr/brcutc2012/>

Events



NHS Evidence Adoption Centre's Critical Appraisal Workshop

24 July, Ipswich

For more information see: <http://www.clahrc-cp.nihr.ac.uk/archives/3527>

AcoRD Guidance Seminar - Attributing the costs of research

8 August, Cambridge

For more information see the AcoRD website: www.rds-oe.nihr.ac.uk/information/AcoRD/

Brain Science, Business Efficiency and Mindfulness

10 October, Peterborough

A CPFT event on World Mental Health Day

For more information see: <http://brainbusinessmindfulness.eventbrite.com/?ebtv=C>

Building Research Partnerships regional workshop

11 October, Ely

An introductory workshop on patient and public involvement in research

for public and researchers

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Please remember if you are attending any events we have copies of the CLAHRC brochure, CLAHRC BITE, post it notes and pens for you to take. Please contact Lea Wood: lea.wood@cpft.nhs.uk for more details.

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CLAHRC Community e-newsletter

The June edition of the newsletter can be found by clicking on the following link: http://nhs-confed.org/oi_nhsconfedlz/lz.aspx?p1=0540216S6381&CC=&p=0&cID=0&cValue=1

New NIHR Newsletter for Faculty members

This newsletter will be published three times a year and aims to bring Faculty members news about each other and the opportunities that being part of NIHR offers. To view the newsletter see: <http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/ed5b97af#/ed5b97af/1>

CLAHRC CP Staff News

Goodbye to:

Dr Belinda Lennox has been appointed as a senior lecturer at the University of Oxford's Department of Psychiatry, and will be leaving the CLAHRC mid-august. Belinda has made an enormous contribution to the CLAHRC, during the planning phase and as Deputy Director. We are grateful to her for all she's done as well as in her other roles in the University and NHS.

Dr Tom Dening has been appointed as Chair of Dementia Research at Nottingham University and will be leaving at the end of September. Tom said 'without the help and support of the research networks and the CLAHRC, it would have been impossible for me as an NHS Consultant to become as involved in research as I have in the last few years. So I owe you all many thanks and it is important evidence of how CLAHRC can help to build research capacity'.

Useful Links/Resources

Health Science Research Network briefing

The briefing titled 'Integrating research into practice: the CLAHRC experience' can be found here: <http://xa.yimg.com/kq/groups/13605222/1503697494/name/research-into-practice.pdf>

Mental Health Research Network (MHRN) East Anglia Hub newsletter

The June edition of the newsletter can be found here: http://www.mhrn.info/data/files/MHRN_PUBLICATIONS/HUB_NEWSLETTERS/East_Anglia_Hub_Newsletter_46.pdf

Test, Learn, Adapt: Developing Public Policy with Randomised Control Trials

This paper argues that Randomised Controlled Trials (RCTs), which are now widely used in medicine, international development, and internet-based businesses, should be used much more extensively in public policy. To view more information please see the Cabinet Office website: <http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/resource-library/test-learn-adapt-developing-public-policy-randomised-controlled-trials>

NICE Commissioner Reference Panel

National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) is looking for clinicians to join its Commissioner Reference Panel. The panel's role is to ensure that the information contained in NICE's guides for commissioners is useful and appropriate. For more information contact: maxine.adrian.fleet@nice.org.uk

Local Health Profiles

The 2012 Local Health Profiles give a snapshot overview of health for each local authority in England in a user-friendly format. They are a valuable tool (www.rds-eeo.nihr.ac.uk/information/AcoRD/) for local government and health services in helping them understand their community's needs, so that they can work to improve people's health and reduce health inequalities. Produced by the public health observatories of England, health profiles are available as interactive maps and charts on the Local Health Profiles website: http://www.apho.org.uk/default.aspx?QN=P_HEALTH_PROFILES.

Supporting recovery in mental health

The implementing recovery through organisational change (ImROC) project is a new approach to helping people with mental health problems with their recovery by changing how the NHS and its partners operates so that they can focus more on helping those people with their recovery. The Department of Health commissioned the NHS Confederation's Mental Health Network and the Centre for Mental Health to pilot this major national project involving 29 mental health provider sites from April 2010. This briefing details the interim findings of the project: <http://www.nhsconfed.org/Publications/briefings/Pages/Supportingrecovery-inmentalhealth.aspx>

Mental Health in the NHS

This report by Professor Richard Layard and colleagues from the Mental Health Policy Group at the London School of Economics highlights the inequalities in how mental illness is treated in the NHS compared with physical illness. It finds that among people under 65, nearly half of all ill health is mental illness. See the full report at <http://cep.lse.ac.uk/pubs/download/special/cep-sp26.pdf> and read Richard Layard's blog at <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/politicsandpolicy/2012/07/04/mental-illness-nhs-layard/>

Health secretary's annual report on the NHS and public health

The 2011-12 annual report has been published by the Department of Health: <http://www.dh.gov.uk/health/2012/07/annual-report/> From 2013, The Health Secretary's annual report will be the main mechanism by which Parliament will hold the Health Secretary to account for the performance of the health service in England.