

CLAHRC CP News

Antipsychotic Response

This workshop “Exploring the use of antipsychotic medication in people with dementia” was hosted by NHS Midlands and East in order to promote alternatives to the prescription of antipsychotic medication, and to showcase best practice within the region. It was arranged by Sarah Robinson, CLAHRC old age theme, who is based at the Strategic Health Authority in Fiona McMillan Shields’ team. Sarah’s role is to work with researchers, clinicians and policy makers in order to embed research and innovation into policy and practice.

The workshop was attended by over fifty professionals from a wide range of health and social care organisations as well as representatives from the Alzheimer’s Society. It covered a wide range of perspectives: from research, person-centred care, clinical and management practices, through to strategic planning and commissioning of care pathways and services. Participants expressed that they felt they had gained valuable new knowledge about the use of antipsychotics in dementia; and that they felt able to pass on what they had learned to colleagues; particularly hydration in people prescribed antipsychotics, monitoring during the early stages of initiating treatment and reviewing current guidance on prescribing. Hearing about promising non-pharmacological interventions to managing psychiatric and behavioural symptoms in dementia was of great interest to the participants. A follow-up event is planned within 12 months.

A full report of the event, including an overview of the presentations can be found on the CLAHRC [website](#).

Fellowship Programme

We are inviting applications for our successful CLAHRC fellowship programme which commences 1st September 2012. The CLAHRC fellowship programme is aimed at NHS managers and clinicians who want to develop research skills. For more information please see our [website](#). The deadline for applications is 6th July 2012. For information on our previous fellows projects please [click here](#).

Fellow’s project innovation award

CLAHRC Fellow Dr Dickon Bevington’s AMBIT (Adolescent Mentalisation-based Integrative Treatment) collaboration, which is run at the Anna Freud Centre charity with support from Comic Relief, has won the Guardian/Virgin Media Innovation Nation award. The project supports teams from across the whole of the UK who work with the most vulnerable complex and troubled youth. It uses cutting edge open source wiki technology, so that best practice advice is available to outreach workers in the field. Dickon’s CLAHRC project explores the outcomes of the AMBIT method of working on the CASUS (Child and Adolescent Substance Use Service) team. To read more about the award [click here](#)

Events



- **Born in Bradford: Putting research into practice**
28th June 2012, Bradford
Learning event hosted by NIHR CLAHRC for Leeds, York and Bradford
For more information see [CLAHRC website](#)
- **NHS Engagement in Research**
5 July 2012, Wyboston, Bedfordshire
Regional research event by the Mental Health Research Network East Anglia Hub
For more information [click here](#)
- **Cohort multiple RCT design workshop**
6 July 2012, Sheffield
Event organised by NIHR CLAHRC for South Yorkshire
For more information see the [CLAHRC website](#)

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NIHR Clinical Doctoral Research Fellowships -Dementia Focus

To bring to your attention a call for the NIHR Clinical Doctoral Research Fellowships with a dementia focus for nurses and AHPs. For information [click here](#)

NIHR Community e-newsletter

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

NIHR Identity Guidelines

The latest version of the NIHR identity guidelines can be found on the [NIHR website](#)

RDS Newsletter

The bi-monthly bulletin by the Research Design Service includes details of research grants, training opportunities and other useful information. To view the latest edition of the newsletter please [click here](#)

CLAHRC CP Staff News

Welcome to Frances Cater who has joined the Public Health theme as administrative support and Dr Marina Buswell who joined the Old Age theme as a research associate.

Useful Links/Resources

Holland Fuse Conference 22nd-23rd April 2013

To explore the approaches, opportunities, and challenges involved in the use and sharing of knowledge and evidence across professionals, researchers and policymakers in the public health and wellbeing community..

For more information [click here](#)

Third edition of the Long Term Conditions Compendium

The Department of Health has published the third edition of the Long Term Conditions Compendium of Information. It is aimed at commissioners as well as health and social care professionals, to provide the evidence for improving care and outcomes for people with long term conditions (LTCs). It updates the second edition of the compendium published in January 2008.

This [document](#) contains the latest statistical data on long term conditions, links to the LTC QIPP (quality, innovation, productivity and prevention) workstream and provides data from the ongoing evaluation of the whole system demonstrator for telehealth and telecare, which supports the delivery of the [3 Million Lives](#) programme. It also showcases examples of innovative projects across the country where organisations and communities are pushing the boundaries to deliver improvements in LTC care.

Atlas of Variation

In the NHS, good progress has been made on utilising health service information, but this report by MHP Health Mandate shows the story is less encouraging in social care. For more information [click here](#)

Chief Scientific Officer's Bulletin

[Click here](#) to view the latest edition.

People powered health: co-production catalogue

This report by NESTA and NEF brings together inspiring case studies, resources and other information on co-production in health settings and other sectors. For more information [click here](#)

Families/Friends and Carers Together in Research Bulletin

The May 2012 edition is available [here](#)

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