

NIHR CLAHRC for Cambridgeshire & Peterborough

Collaborations for Leadership in Applied
Health Research and Care



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CLAHRC CP News

CLAHRC East of England

Cutting-edge research into the care of people with mental health conditions has received a huge boost after it was announced that a project hosted by Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust (CPFT) and involving the Universities of Cambridge and East Anglia (UEA) has been awarded nearly £10 million. The NIHR Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care (CLAHRC) East of England is being set up to conduct pioneering research focused on the needs of patients and service users.

The National Institute of Health Research (NIHR) has awarded CLAHRC East of England £9,972,282 – and projects that are funded by the money could be making a difference to people's lives within three years.

CLAHRC East of England will begin operating in January 2014, replacing CLAHRC Cambridgeshire and Peterborough which was formed in 2008.

Researchers in the new CLAHRC will need to demonstrate how their work will make a difference to patients within three to five years, and how their projects will fit into one of a number of research themes including dementia and patient safety.

Professor Peter Jones, Director of CLAHRC East of England and Head of Department Psychiatry at the University of Cambridge, said: "I am delighted that NIHR has awarded this funding to our new CLAHRC." "The aim of the CLAHRC is to ensure the findings of academic studies can be used to make a real difference to front-line patient care as soon as possible." "The work around dementia and how we care for older people is especially important because they are such major challenges facing healthcare and social care providers."

David Edwards, Chairman of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust, said: "The award of this funding is very welcome. It will be used to fund vital research and will continue to build on our commitment to place patient care at the very top of our priorities."

The NIHR CLAHRC East of England works in partnership with a wide range of health and social care providers across the region.

Events



The CLAHRC Revolution: Improving our health by translating research evidence into NHS practice

5 September, Birmingham

Join the revolution and learn how to work collaboratively to improve health services. An established partnership between the University of Birmingham and NHS organisations, CLAHRC is a five-year programme funded by the National Institute for Health Research to conduct research and implement findings into clinical practice.

Now nearing the end of the programme, join us to hear how we have made a real difference to health services in the areas of paediatrics, maternity, stroke, diabetes and cardiovascular disease, to name a few, in improving care for patients.

For more information please see <http://www.clahrc-cp.nihr.ac.uk/archives/6250>

Public Health England Annual Conference 10-11 September, University of Warwick

The conference will provide an opportunity to meet, exchange ideas and learn about the latest developments in public health research and practice. For more information see: <https://www.phe-events.org.uk/hpa/frontend/reg/thome.csp?pageID=78795&eventID=173&eventID=173>.

Mobile technology and mental health conference

11th September, University of Manchester
Key objectives of the conference

To raise the awareness about the use of mobile technology for enhancing social inclusion, monitoring symptoms and well-being of service users.
To identify the opportunities for practical application of digital technologies in assessments, monitoring and treatment of mental disorders.

To identify effects of use of digital technologies on mental health

To facilitate opportunities for research and development, in partnership with the industry.

For more information see: <http://www.clahrc-cp.nihr.ac.uk/archives/6256>

CLAHRC/NIHR News

Faculty World newsletter

This newsletter features NIHR Clinical Research Network (NIHR CRN) and NIHR Office for Clinical Research Infrastructure (NOCRI) about their role in creating the environment where partnerships with the private sector can flourish. For more information see: <http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/a09593fd#/a09593fd/2>

CLAHRC Community E-newsletter

This newsletter focusses on older people and the work of the CLAHRCs. For more information see: <http://us6.campaign-archive1.com/?u=21f2855d30e5cbc55af2b77e7&id=c82dd21e1e&e=ddd0bec46>

Useful Links/Resources

Patient and Public Involvement in Research Workshops

Are you a patient, carer or member of the public who wants to find out more about key aspects of research, and how you can get involved? Maybe you are a researcher with ideas for a research project but aren't sure if the question is relevant to patients and carers, or would like some help with improving your research design. A series of workshops taking place in Cambridge later this year is a fantastic opportunity for both groups to get together and start a dialogue that benefits everyone involved. For more information see: <http://www.clahrc-cp.nihr.ac.uk/archives/6422>

Research for universal health coverage – World health report 2013

Universal health coverage ensures everyone has access to the health services they need without suffering financial hardship as a result. In December 2012, a UN resolution was passed encouraging governments to move towards providing universal access to affordable and quality health care services. As countries move towards it, common challenges are emerging — challenges to which research can help provide answers.

The World health report: research for universal health coverage focuses on the importance of research in advancing progress towards universal health coverage. In addition, it identifies the benefits of increased investment in health research by low- and middle-income countries using case studies from around the world, and proposes ways to further strengthen this type of research. For more information see: http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/85761/2/9789240690837_eng.pdf

Dementia Rate Is Found to Drop Sharply

Results from two major cohort studies, led by the University of Cambridge and supported by the Medical Research Council, reveal that the number of people with dementia in the UK is substantially lower than expected because overall prevalence in the 65 and over age group has dropped.

The two studies provide the first estimate of the change in the number of people live with dementia in the UK, and the new figures give a more accurate picture for those developing policies and planning healthcare services for dementia patients. -

The study was led by Professor Carol Brayne from the Cambridge Institute of Public Health at Cambridge University. She said: "This study provides compelling evidence of a reduction in the prevalence of dementia in the older population over two decades. Whether or not these gains for the current older population will be borne out in later generations would seem to depend on whether further improvements in primary prevention and effective health care for conditions which increase dementia risk can be achieved, including addressing inequalities." For more information see: <http://www.cam.ac.uk/research/news/dementia-prevalence-figures-in-the-uk-show-decline-over-past-20-years#sthash.SXW9ITnw.dpuf>