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CLAHRC CP News

PPI workshop on population screening for dementia: a look at public attitudes and preferences (Cambridgeshire)

The Cambridge Institute of Public Health, with support from the Alzheimer's Society, conducted a systematic review of the literature on attitudes and preferences towards population screening for dementia. On 5th June, people with dementia, carers and the general public had the opportunity to offer their own perspectives and comment on the research findings.

The event was well attended, with 36 members of the general public from across Cambridgeshire and 8 Alzheimer's Society Research Network volunteers. In the morning, they discussed in groups their general attitudes, preferences, and reasons behind their views towards dementia screening. In the afternoon, they reacted to key findings from the systematic review and engaged in a healthy closing discussion on whether screening for dementia is a good idea. A short 'pre' and 'post' workshop questionnaire was given out to capture participants' prior experience of dementia, quantify perceptions before discussions took place, and help to gauge whether attitudes had altered as a result of taking part in the workshop.

Knowing whether and why people would want or don't want to be screened for dementia is important for policy development, and to determine how information about potential harms and benefits of screening should be communicated. Analysis of the discussions is underway, and will feed into the final project report to the Alzheimer's Society.

For further information, see: <http://www.clahrc-cp.nihr.ac.uk/research-themes-2/old-age-theme/systematic-review-of-screening-for-dementia>

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

This edition of the NIHR CLAHRC community e-newsletter looks at the work the nine NIHR Collaborations for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care (CLAHRCs) are doing on nutrition and exercise. For more information see: <http://us6.campaign-archive1.com/?u=21f2855d30e5cbc55af2b77e7&id=bfd06affe&e=ddd0bec46>

This edition of the NIHR CLAHRC community e-newsletter looks at the topic of building research capacity in the NHS, and the work of the nine CLAHRCs in this area. For more information see: <http://us6.campaign-archive2.com/?u=21f2855d30e5cbc55af2b77e7&id=73a8b47b75&e=ddd0bec46>

Useful Links/Resources

Research Design Service bulletin

This issue features: What can the Research Design Service (RDS) do for you?, How to contact the RDS, Upcoming events and training, The latest NIHR funding announcements, Deadlines for research training awards and fellowships, Organisations with research funding opportunities. For more information see: <http://www.clahrc-cp.nihr.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/RDS-Bulletin-Issue-21.pdf>

Dementia Priority Setting Partnership

The Alzheimer's Society led a Dementia Priority Setting Partnership with the James Lind Alliance to identify some of the priorities for dementia research. Through extensive engagement with people with dementia and their carers, health and social care practitioners, and organisations that represent these groups, over 4,000 questions on the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care of dementia have been whittled down to a top 10 list. For more information see: http://www.alzheimers.org.uk/site/scripts/documents_info.php?documentID=1804

Using Twitter in university research, teaching and impact activities – A guide for academics and researchers

Twitter is a form of free micro-blogging which allows users to send and receive short public messages called tweets. Tweets are limited to no more than 140 characters, and can include links to blogs, web pages, images, videos and all other material online. You can start tweeting in 10 minutes, anytime, from your computer, smart phone or tablet. For more information see: http://www.clahrc-cp.nihr.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/Published-Twitter_Guide_Sept_2011.pdf

Launch of Health Education England: New era of education and training for NHS staff

Measures to improve the training, values and education of all NHS staff

Health Minister Dr Dan Poulter has announced a wide ranging series of measures to improve the training, values and education of all NHS staff over the next two years and beyond. The measures have been published in the government's mandate to Health Education England, a new arms-length body set up to give NHS training and education unprecedented focus and importance. It will be backed by £5 billion and will be accountable to ministers for delivering the goals set out in today's document. For more information see: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-era-of-education-and-training-for-nhs-staff>