



LAPH-RN (London & North Thames) - Meeting Notes and Actions

9 July 2022, Zoom meeting 2

Attendees: Kim Airey, Leonora Weil (LW), Jessica Sheringham (JS), Alison Anstead, Rubinder Bains, Isobel Braithwaite, Mike Brannan, Tracey Chantler, Diana Divajeva, Hiten Dodhia (HD), Liam Flannigan, Ayanna Griffith, Julie George (JG), Laurence Gibson, Sharon Grant, Emily Grundy, Ana Guerra, Dougal Hargreaves (DH), Greg Hartwell, Sameera Hassan, Catherine Heffernan, Ruth Hutt (RH), Alexandra Levitas, Sedina Lewis, Kerry Lonergan, Dalya Marks, Anna Martinez, Angelique Mavrodaris, Sandra Mounier-Jack, Yannish Naik, Amber Nyoni, Sandra O'Sullivan, Silvia Perin, Ana-Catarina Pinho-Gomes, Nirandee Rehill, Mike Robinson (MR), Andrew Trathen, Simon Twite, Marcella Ucci, Dagmar Zeuner.

Item	Discussion	Actions and relevant supporting information
1. Welcome 2. Notes and updates since last meeting (LW)	<p>JS and LW welcomed all to the meeting and shared updates following previous:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LW and JS have had conversations with the ADPH network, academic and regional partners. Following feedback core business will be discussed for the first 60 minutes and 'deep dive' into a topic area will be held for final 30 minutes for those able to stay. TOR will now be finalised and reviewed in a years' time. Matchmaking element of network people found most useful. Seminar preference for i) PH research design service, ii) developing an academic career, iii) publishing and a sub-group of evaluation was most popular closely followed by implementation and dissemination. 	<p>Final TOR circulated.</p> <p>Contact Kim if happy to have a more prominent role in developing a sub-group or to sit on the executive sub-committee.</p> <p>Call for an ADPH representative role in the network - contact Kim/Jess or Leonora.</p>
3. Panel discussion: NIHR Health Determinants Research Collaboration funding call.	<p>JS briefly gave an overview of the research call:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most significant investments in LA research capacity Formally announced Sept 21, with stage one expression of interest (Nov 21), stage two full application (interviews taking place). 20 in total shortlisted after round one. Aim to facilitate more and better research in the wider determinants of public health. Fund 5 centres of excellence in the UK, for up to 5 years and up to 5 million. Requirement to be led by local government to fund infrastructure of research at local government. 	



Stage 2 application case study

Ruth Hutt, Director of Public Health and Hiten Dodhia Consultant in Public Health, London Borough of Lambeth shared experience of the full (stage 2) application. Lambeth were already a research active area with lots of relationships with research organisations. Developing the HDRC was still a massive undertaking but led to some outcomes, e.g. links with new partners, they will build on regardless of the outcome.

Stage 1 application case study

Dagmar Zeuner, DPH London Borough of Merton shared experience of stage 1 applicant

- Quite a small council with no real research activity or solid links with academia but have ambition and interest in research. Had the interest from various elements of the local authority so decided apply even though was a long shot with the limited track record in the council.
- If the ambition of the NIHR is to upscale capacity of research in councils really needs to be a less steep step! There is no first step on the research pathway, need to build a little research capacity first.
- Regional applications could be helpful moving forward as a lot of factors effect multiple areas and can partner with some more experienced local authorities.

MR; Interim Director at Bexley, makes a difference to moral and how people view particular councils if you are involved in research, so benefits to getting involved. Lots of boroughs not on the first step, needs to be longer term cultural change than the big grants which are structured like a normal research programme.

DH; joint lead for NIHR School for Public Health Research (SPHR) children and young families programme and currently thinking about the third cycle, which has an emphasis on working with local practitioners therefore please do get in touch d.hargreaves@imperial.ac.uk

Academic Partner

Dalya Marks, Associate Professor, LSHTM holds a post one day a week at London Borough of Islington and gave her experience as an academic partner on an HDRC application.

- This type of grant application of infrastructure building is not terribly familiar to most academics either, not a traditional research application.
- At the EOI stage getting everyone together and at the same level of understanding as to what was needed i.e. a detailed 5 year plan was extremely challenging.
- Helped to facilitate demystifying the language of the NIHR.
- Costings for this type of funding is not established/different in the local authority e.g no overheads-built in.

Ruth's slides circulated.

Actions:

- Discuss local capacity building schemes/placements at a future network meeting
- Ensure individuals with expertise in wider determinants of health (education, housing etc) are invited



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The process has made us competitors rather than collaborators across London which is at odds with the current working. <p>RH; the smaller fellowship posts really are the building blocks and if we can work collaboratively across London to support these. Even if we don't get through are there common themes across London that can be picked up and moved forward.</p> <p>HD; have traditionally worked with academic public health researchers who maybe involved in the wider departments however there is a need to link into the food, policy changes, housing education etc.</p>	
4. Standing agenda items: research opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NIHR Local Authority SPARC Round 2 (Sept/Oct 2022 launch) NIHR Three Research Schools' Mental Health Research Fellowships: Deadline Noon Thursday 28th July 22 	See 'Research Opportunities' document circulated.
Deep Dive: Mapping academic opportunities across London	<p>Mapping of academic opportunities across London – Isobel Braithwaite, PH specialty registrar, UCL</p> <p>JG; there are academic supervisors for public health trainees across the majority of institutions mentioned in the slides, which provides often an opportunity to link in.</p> <p>JS; is it possible to build on Izzy's mapping to show where places are available across London, JG will pick up on her return from leave.</p> <p>ST; currently in two year secondment funded by NIHR and QMUL, local authority research support practitioner role who's aim is to support local authorities use and do research in public health.</p> <p>YN; some departments with key strengths e.g hub for air quality can't all partner with them but one local authority could take a lead on it collaborating with other local authorities.</p>	<p>See slides together with Academic assets scoping document.</p> <p>Please complete Izzy survey: PollEv.com/Isobelbraith010</p>
5. Date of next meetings	3 October 2-3.30 pm https://ucl.zoom.us/j/93184277396	All – please contact Kim if you have not received an invite.