



LAPH-Research Network (London North & Thames)

3 July 2023 2:00-3:30pm (zoom)

Attendees: Sharon Grant, Katherine Barrett, Billy Hopkins, Pascal Mawelle, Emily Taylor, Catherine Jenkins, Aidee Dunne, Louise Bishop, A. Lang, Sarah Daniels, Alexandra Levitas, Simon Twite, Niran Rehill, Harry De Jesus, Vaishnavee Madeen, Patroklos Sesis, Oliver Mytton, Sophia Looney, Danielle Wilson, Elizabeth Cox, Mara, Liam Flannigan, Sebastian Baugh, Dalya Marks, Jamie Fagg, Elizabeth McGill, Louise Marshall, Arti Sharma, Gary Bellamy, Ann Sullivan, Ana-Catarina Ayanna Griffith, Kim Airey, Abby Moffat, Alexandra Levitas, Emily Humphreys.

Chairs: Jessica Sheringham, Leonora Weil.

Secretariat: Sharlene Mutyasira

1. LAPHRN Conference Update

General points:

- Date for diaries – 26th March 2024, save the dates to be shared soon.
- Planning group will meet 4th July 2023 – colleagues interested in participating in the planning / organisation should contact Sharlene Mutyasira s.mutyasira@ucl.ac.uk.
- Keynote speaker – Professor Kevin Fenton.
- The day will consist of, panel discussions, workshops, abstracts etc.
- A face-to-face co-development group will take place 11th September. Colleagues welcome.

2. Request for survey participants: Behavioural science in real world practice, Abby Moffat, University of Bedfordshire

Background: AM and shared an outline of project.

“I’m asking all local authority public health teams across England to take part in a 15-minute survey to share their thoughts and experience. The results of this survey will inform a co-design project aimed at developing strategies/recommendations to support local authority public health teams to use behavioural science in their everyday practice.

To ensure the views of all local authorities are captured we’d like to invite as many public health practitioners as possible to take part! This survey is open to everyone, you do not have to currently use or wish to use behavioural science to take part. As a thank you, we’re offering the chance to **win a £100 shopping voucher!**”

To access the survey please click this link: [The use and implementation of behavioural science: Qualtrics Survey |](#)

Questions can be addressed by - abby.moffat@beds.ac.uk

3. **Idea planning surgeries Gaining ethics approvals in local government.**



A presentation on a study across English local authorities by Alexandra Levitas and Emily Humphreys. Following questions and concerns raised by network colleagues.

Discussion:

- Discussion questions highlighted – (1) What themes would be most useful to explore in greater detail to support LA research capacity building? (2) Who needs to see the findings for them to have the greatest impact? (3) What resonates with your own experience? What surprises you?
- Vaish: Helpful to have better training and ethical standards.
- Danielle: Useful link - <https://www.hra-decisiontools.org.uk/research/>. Can results be generalisable?
- Highlighted themes: Audience, dissemination at the end of the project, the research vs public involvement vs insight work and the research time scales.
- Dalya: Creating stratified process, using HRA decision tools, to determine ethical requirements.

Recording: [Presentation Recording](#) Password: Y@80z.@=

4. The Greater London Authority & Research in London

Strategic systems approaches to build rigour and embed evaluation in a Cost of Living crisis by Jamie Fagg and Aideen Dunne, Public Health Specialist Registrars, GLA Group Public Health Unit.

Discussion:

- Menti meter questions and responses used - <https://www.menti.com/alcegf2k4rne>. Colleagues are welcome to contribute more ideas and information to this board. Responses will be shared at a later date.
- London Household Task group are aiming to setup a scope the strategic approach to evaluation for cost of living. Colleagues interested in the network and working with the lead on this work stream, please contact aideen.dunne@london.gov.uk / jamie.fagg@london.gov.uk who will make the necessary introductions. The task group seek to scope and embed this work.
- No long term funding has been established. The scoping work will help boost the lobbying of the 'free school meals' initiative.

AOB: The Executive LAPHRN group to strategically develop a three-year plan for the network.

Simon Twite: Funding call opportunity - <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding/22136-public-acceptance-of-the-use-of-administrative-datasets-for-public-health-research/31756>

ACTION: Please notify Sharlene of any topics you would like to bring to a future planning surgery.

Date of next meeting: Monday 2nd October 2:00 – 3:30 <https://ucl.zoom.us/j/96738969475>

Previous meeting notes: All previous notes can be found on the ARC North Thames Website: <https://www.arc-nt.nihr.ac.uk/get-involved/providers-and-commissioners/>

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