**LAPH-Research Network (London North & Thames)**

04 November 2024 2:00-3:30pm (zoom)

**Attendees**: Charlotte Ashton, Ana-Catarina Pinho-Gomes, Caitlin Paul, Silvie Cooper, Muhammed Afolabi, Chris Lovitt, Gary Bellamy, Dalya Marks, Sedina Lewis, Kim Airey, Magali Peyrefitte, Shamini Gnani, Mac Emmerson, Elizabeth Owen, Isabel Grant-Funck, Matt Egan, Jyotsna Srinath, Denise Ndlovu, Arti Sharma, James Mason, Eve Penman, Vaishnavee Madden, Madalina Pop, Simon Twite, Emily Aidoo, Harry De Jesus, Emily Emmott, Sam Quill, Nicola Wilson, Jay Das-Munshi, Ed M,

**Chairs**: Jessica Sheringham.

Secretariat: Sharlene Mutyasira

**Welcomes**

Welcomes and apologies acknowledged.

1. **Notes and updates**

Leonora Weil (co-chair) has moved onto a national role at UKHSA. An expression of interest call was announced for new regional and subregional LAPHRN leads.

The network is delighted to announce the following leads:

* North West London: Billy Hopkins, Research Practitioner in Public Health, Harrow Council.
* North East London, Sedina Lewis, Public Health Principle, London Borough of Havering.
* Essex: Jyotsna Srinath, Senior Analyst, Public Health Intelligence Team, Essex County Council.
* South London: TBC

Welcome to all the operation leads.

**Change to Terms of Reference and ways of working:** *Terms of reference circulated with meeting notes.*

* Geography: Academic Health Science Network in London have changed their geography to now cover London and parts of Essex. As the network aligns with the geography, the changes have therefore been reflected to suit.
* Wider geographic and role-specific leadership: Expanding leadership roles from two co-chairs to four to cover the London and Essex geography.
* Rotating hosts for 2025, to ensure all regions and subregions are reflected.

NB: Leads welcome feedback on the meetings and agenda, please contact dahr.laphrn@ucl.ac.uk

**Call for MSc Project Ideas:** Colleagues interested in submitting project proposals, please complete the form - [MSc Project Proposals](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=_oivH5ipW0yTySEKEdmlwjbQCYbBdH1Hj7W-6kpZSmxUOTlEWTU1N1ZaT1VXRjZFMlA5Q1lXWkxMVC4u&route=shorturl)  *NB: this link is no longer active.*

For questions on the MSc scheme, contact: Aradhna Kaushal, a.kaushal@ucl.ac.uk and/or j.sheringham@ucl.ac.uk

1. **London HDRCs update:** Charlotte Ashton, Lead, Evidence Islington (NIHR Islington HDRC) will summaries developments in London HDRCs including the latest HDRC pan London advisory board. Further questions - Charlotte Ashton Charlotte.Ashton@islington.gov.uk
* Exploring scope in advisory board to bring in Regional Research Delivery Network perspective.
* Future agenda item: How do local authorities and NHSs work together?
1. **MH All and ARC North Thames Academy: Silvie Cooper,** Academy Lecturer, ARC North Thames, will update on Academy career development and training opportunities, including fellowships for mental health and knowledge mobilization. Further questions - mh-all@ucl.ac.uk or arc.academy@ucl.ac.uk

MH ALL Career Development Fellowship aims:

* To develop research skills
* To create a funding application for a research project.

There are two arms of the fellowship, ‘All staff groups’ and ‘Peer support groups’. [Mental Health for All Programme](https://www.arc-nt.nihr.ac.uk/research/projects/mental-health-research-for-all/) Deadline for submissions: 25th November | Award starts: 3rd March 2025.

Additional training opportunities:

Introduction to Evaluation - <https://www.arc-nt.nihr.ac.uk/news-and-events/2023/may-23/introduction-to-evaluation-online/> *opportunity closed. Additional dates will be shared via the website.*

Becoming Research Active - <https://www.arc-nt.nihr.ac.uk/learn-with-us/becoming-research-active-online/> *opportunity closed. Additional dates will be shared via the website.*

1. **Research Support Service Specialist Centre for Public Health: Mac** Emmerson, Public Health Research Programme Manager will introduce the national Research Support Service Specialist Centre for Public Health and share details of how to apply for Local Authority Research Practitioner Roles. NIHR RSS Specialist Centre for Public Health (SCPH): [Support for Local Authorities](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fsites.google.com%2Fview%2Fnihrrssscph%2Flocal-authority-support-and-resources%2Flocal-authority-research-practitioners-larps%2Flarp-network&data=05%7C02%7Cj.sheringham%40ucl.ac.uk%7C64e3d335b82847fa0b3f08dcf4c72392%7C1faf88fea9984c5b93c9210a11d9a5c2%7C0%7C0%7C638654383368837836%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=1%2Bxp4pkzX44i1srvNUP4XGpazLunkiCe5EpPxxTNSsk%3D&reserved=0)
* [NIHR RSS Specialist Centre for Public Health](https://sites.google.com/view/nihrrssscph/home)
* [Join the SCPH mailing list](https://nihr.us8.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=709245d70cc07701d52a8f348&id=2eca3aa4ec)
* [LARP November 2024 Funding Call](https://sites.google.com/view/nihrrssscph/local-authority-support-and-resources/local-authority-research-practitioners-larps/funding-call-november-2024) *opportunity closed*
* [Sign up to attend LARP application webinar](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yRJQnBa2wkSpF2aBT74-hwqPa768cR9PpniTR6agmXZUNktaMTdCTzJJWTRENDZWOEdaS0NMSEowRC4u) *closed*

Further information - NIHR.RSS.PublicHealth@newcastle.ac.uk

Two previous LARP awardees, Gary Bellamy and Simon Twite shared their experiences.

1. **UKRI Population Health Improvement (PHI-UK)** [Population Mental Health · PHI-UK (phiuk.org)](https://www.phiuk.org/population-mental-health) Jayati Das-Munshi, King’s College London, Dan Barrett, Thrive LDNwill introduce this new collaboration which focuses on population-based improvements in mental health across the country, focusing on children and young people, suicide and self-harm prevention and multiple long-term conditions and are keen to discuss opportunities to collaborate with local authorities.
* Useful to share work with NIHR School for Public Health Research.
* Discussed the three challenge areas.
* UCLPartners and others have been delivering a research project called 'Kailo' which aims to help local communities, young people and public service partnerships better understand and address the root causes and wider social determinants of young people’s mental health. Kailo uses local evidence and insight to develop co-designed solutions for children and young people. More info at - <https://kailo.community/> | <https://www.arc-nt.nihr.ac.uk/research/projects/kailo-consortium-a-systemic-approach-to-improving-adolescent-mental-health/>
* Havering Council used the #BeeWell survey (originally developed in Greater Manchester) to collect data about the wellbeing of young people. Data is available -[https://www.haveringdata.net/youth-wellbeing-census/.](https://www.haveringdata.net/youth-wellbeing-census/)

**AOB:** Nothing noted.

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

**Date of next meeting: Monday 03rd February 2:00 – 3:30pm**

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