



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

9 May 2022, held on Zoom (meeting 1)

**Attendees:** Kim Airey, Leonora Weil, Jessica Sheringham, Lena Al-Shammari, Alison Anstead, Ian Basnett, Gary Bellamy, Isobel Braithwaite, Tracey Chantler, Steven Cummins, Sarah Daniels, Mark Freestone, Julie George, Rebecca Giddings, Shamini Gnani, Ana Guerra, Dougal Hargreaves, Elizabeth Ingram, Deborah Jenkins, Alexis Karamanos, Ben Kasstan, Chris Lovitt, Katie Macdonald, Dalya Marks, Angelique Mavrodaris, Sandra Mounier-Jack, Yannish Naik, Amber Nyoni, Roan Omer, Nirandeeep Rehill, Jenny Shand, Beattie Sturrock, Andrew Trathen, Simon Twite, Sarah Williams

Item	Discussion	Actions and relevant supporting information
1. Welcome	Members introduced themselves on Zoom chat.	
2. Introduction to the network (JS and LW)	<p>JS outlined the context in which the network was formed, highlighting a) the increased interest and importance of public health research in local authority settings. B) the increased range of funded opportunities to participate in research. Useful links include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ NIHR personal &amp; organisational capacity building and research project funding opportunities: <a href="https://www.nihr.ac.uk/partners-and-industry/local-authorities/">https://www.nihr.ac.uk/partners-and-industry/local-authorities/</a></li> <li>➤ NIHR research design service for public health: <a href="https://www.rds-yh.nihr.ac.uk/phrada/">https://www.rds-yh.nihr.ac.uk/phrada/</a></li> </ul> <p><i>Members feedback: poll results indicated ~55% of members spent less than 60% of their time working on research.</i></p> <p>LW shared a proposed outline for the network, which included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Meetings 4x/year.</li> </ul>	Slides included with email

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Focused topic discussion at each meeting</li> <li>➤ Key functions of sharing/informing and facilitating networks and skills building</li> </ul>	
3. Established network example (Angelique Mavrodaris)	<p>AM shared a description and reflections from establishing the East of England Population Health Research Hub (EoE PHResH)</p> <p>Key learning points from their experience included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Codesign is key</li> <li>- Be flexible -go where the energy is</li> <li>- Take time to build trust - needs patience</li> </ul>	<p>Details of the hub and its activities are available here: <a href="https://adph.org.uk/networks/eastofengland/eoephresh/">https://adph.org.uk/networks/eastofengland/eoephresh/</a></p>
4. Discussion – what do we want for our network?	<p><i>Members feedback:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>longer than 1h needed for growing the network</i></li> <li>➤ <i>membership should widen to include NHS colleagues and interest expressed in ICS/LA linkages</i></li> <li>➤ <i>priorities from the poll were:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>sharing/informing: details of upcoming conferences/competitions; ideas and findings; opportunities to participate in studies,</i></li> <li>➤ <i>facilitating/skills: Pairing LA and academics with mutual interests; feedback on research ideas or findings; skills training or learning opportunities</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>Ideas discussed included:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Deep dive into dissemination and LA support</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Mini directory of members</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Role/capacity for user involvement</i></li> </ul>	<p>ALL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Complete the attached short poll which builds on the feedback from the meeting: <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/Sv32LrzHd1">https://forms.office.com/r/Sv32LrzHd1</a></li> <li>➤ If you have any additional comments on terms of reference (attached), please send to <a href="#">Kim</a></li> <li>➤ Please feel free to forward the notes and zoom invites to NHS colleagues with an interest in public health research in LA settings.</li> </ul>
5. Standing agenda items	<p>Research opportunities/requests &amp; funding calls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Research training needs survey for public health departments tool to understand perceived importance and competence in research activities. JS shared an offer for support through CRN for administration and analysis of the survey in other areas. Summary attached.</li> </ul>	<p>ALL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Contact <a href="#">Kim</a> if you're interested in using the research training survey locally (support for tailoring, administration and analysis, as needed)</li> <li>➤ Contact the HENRY team if interested to take part in the trial</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ HENRY obesity trial – see attached information. Ideal for areas already or considering commissioning HENRY.</li> </ul>	Summary of research opportunities cascaded in the cover email
6. Date of next meetings	<p>4 July 2-3.30 pm <a href="https://ucl.zoom.us/j/99784741614">https://ucl.zoom.us/j/99784741614</a></p> <p>NB: note the new timings to give longer for discussion. We'll keep core business between 2-3pm. For those able to stay longer, we will have some network building activities</p> <p>3 October 2-3.30 pm <a href="https://ucl.zoom.us/j/93184277396">https://ucl.zoom.us/j/93184277396</a></p>	<p>All</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Please hold the dates in your diary – an invite will follow shortly.</li> </ul>