

LAPH-Research Network (London & Essex)

03 February 2025 2:00-3:30pm (MS Teams)

Attendees: Gary Bellamy, Matt Egan, Chris Lovitt, Kim Airey, Claire Parsons, Lisa Wilson, Isobel Braithwaite, Mac Emmerson, Aaishah Ahmed, Suhana Begum, Marcelle Costamarinho, Rebecca Flowers, Sedina Lewis, Jyotsna Srinath, John Cole, Stephanie, Harry De Jesus, Arti Sharma, Sophie Stylianou, Hiten Dodhia, Charli Colegate, Shoid Miah, Alexandra Levitas, Arti Sharma, James Odling-Smee, Sandra O’Sullivan, Clare Ridsdill Smith, Alexis Karamanos, Sam Quill, Rachel Wells, Jack Head, Olivia Cowie, Simon Halpenny, Dalya Marks, Isabel Monger, Jack Lawton-Summers, Patrycja Piotrowska, Ros McDermott, Madalina Pop, Laura Horsfall, Stefanie Buckner, Katherine Barratt, Graham Ainsley, Muhammed Afolabi, Ana-Catarina Pinho-Gomes, Lisa Wilson

Chairs: Jessica Sheringham and Billy Hopkins

Secretariat: Sharlene Mutyasira

Welcomes

Welcomes and apologies acknowledged.

1. Welcomes & updates since last meeting

- The networks terms of reference have been refreshed.

2. Meet the networks new operational leads:

The network introduced the operations leads who will be chairing / co-chairing meetings on rotation.

The leads covering the 5 network areas.

- North West London: Billy Hopkins
- North East London: Sedina Lewis
- South West London: Catherine Heffernan
- South East London: Stef Buckner
- Essex: Jyotsna Srinath

In the coming meeting, the network will be introduced to a registrar lead, covering all areas of network interest.

The aim of each lead in their respective areas is to.

- Identify research priorities.
- Identify barriers to research
- Involve ‘cold spots’ to build collaborations and capacity in the networks’ geography.

3. Public Health Engagement Leads and what it means for you: Sedina Lewis, PHEL North East London

Overview: discussion on the NIHR Research Support Service (RSS) Specialist Centre for Public Health’s aim to support the creation of high quality evidence needed to inform policy and practice to improve public health and reduce health inequalities.

4. **Indoor Air Quality Project:** Claire Parsons, Westminster City Council, Laura Horsfall, UCL

Overview: This presentation shared details of a pilot to inform a larger study on Indoor Air Quality. Westminster City Council been awarded The Mayor's Air Quality Grant Funding from the Greater London Authority and is working with University College London to raise awareness of indoor air pollution, and provide information about how to improve indoor air quality and help reduce the health effects and associated inequalities.

Questions raised:

- Are your housing providers considering or already installing sensors in homes in your borough?
- Are there similar schemes/projects you know or are aware of that you can share (WCC have previously liaised with WellHome - Hammersmith & Fulham)?
- Have you any experience with particular indoor air quality sensors that were both usable and accurate?
- Do you have any advice on successfully recruiting diverse participants and collecting data over 12 months?
- Do you have any advice on the best information and guidance sources to provide to participants about indoor air quality?
- Do you have any advice on balancing providing data and guidance to participants about their indoor air quality and how to improve it, without causing undue worry?
- Do you have any advice on developing robust success criteria/benefits management plan for a project of this nature?

Useful links:

- [Camden's Data Charter - Camden Council](#)

5. **Standing agenda items:** research opportunities – funding calls and requests

- **Call for research participants: Interview study of experiences sharing housing or health data across organisations.** Jessica Sheringham NIHR Population Health Career Scientist Fellow, UCL, shared details of a study and thanked members for recommending potential interviewees or passing on invites to individuals in their networks.
- **Research Support Service Specialist Centre for Public Health.** Mac Emmerson, Public Health Research Programme Manager, [Specialist Centre for Public Health](#)
 - [Funding calls](#)
 - [Local authority support and resources](#)
 - [Research governance and ethics](#)

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

6. **Research Findings:** Findings: Exploring the meaning of “[research active](#)” in public health practice: From motivations to behaviours. Dr. Rachael Edwards, Senior Research Fellow, UCL.



Overview: This presentation unpacked the dimensions of research activity in local government public health practice and identify strategies used by embedded researchers to enhance cultures of research.

AOB: Nothing noted.

ACTION: Please notify Sharlene (dahr.laphrn@ucl.ac.uk) of any topics you would like to bring to a future planning surgery or to present to the network.

Date of next meeting: Monday 07th April 2:00 – 3:30pm

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