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

09 September 2024 2:00-3:30pm (zoom)

**Attendees**: Adshayan Saravanamu, Izzi Whelan, Aradhna Kaushal, Leonard K, Katherine Barratt, Shamini Gnani, Natasha Moriarty, Simon Twite, Hannah Witcombe, Mai Shafford, Sam, Marcelle Costa Marinho, Arti Sharma, Rebecca Newman, Nirandeep Rehill, Aaishah Ahmed, Jessica Mitchell, Renee Gulinigaer, Muhammed Afolabi, Sharon Sharmini Grant, Ana-Catarina Pinho-Gomes, Dalya Marks, Sedina Lewis, Madalina Pop, Ella, Emily Aidoo, Alexandra Levitas, Samina Mawani, Matt Egan, Natasha Curran, Sam Quill, Leonard Kwashie,

**Chairs**: Jessica Sheringham, Leonora Weil.

Secretariat: Sharlene Mutyasira

**Welcomes**

1. **Notes and updates**

**Expression for LAPHRN Co-chair:**

Leonora Weil (co-chair) has moved onto a national role at UKHSA. The network is seeking a co-chair from a service position.

If interested, information on the role has been shared with the network (welcome to circulate wider, where appropriate). Should you require further information, Jessica Sheringham and or Leonora Weil is happy to have informal 1:1 conversation.

Deadline: Sunday 22nd September

Thank you to Leonora for the support and the hard work!

The Specialist Centre for Public Health and National Specialist Centre for Public Health will be announcing funding for ‘engagement lead roles.’ The call will seek a consultant level LA leader to dedicate approx. 3 hrs a week to the work. The network would be happy to support / align this role to the network as an alternative option to the co-chair position, which allows selected personal to have a leadership role across London and their specific local area.

This call will be announced in September.

1. **Masters (MSc) Universities LA dissertation matching scheme:** Aradhna Kaushal, followed by presentation from the MSc students.

In 2023/2024, UCL & LSHTM piloted an approach to match local authorities with MSc students to collaborate on dissertation projects. Due to the success *(please find attached presentations)* there are plans to run a new cohort 2024/2025.

*Summary and guidance attached.*

Colleagues interested in submitting a project proposal, please complete the below form.

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=_oivH5ipW0yTySEKEdmlwjbQCYbBdH1Hj7W-6kpZSmxUOTlEWTU1N1ZaT1VXRjZFMlA5Q1lXWkxMVC4u&route=shorturl>

Further questions on UCLs MSc scheme can be addressed by Aradhna Kaushal (lecturer in public health at UCL), [a.kaushal@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:a.kaushal@ucl.ac.uk) and or [j.sheringham@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:j.sheringham@ucl.ac.uk)

Note: UCL and LSHTM have a difference in timelines due to LSHTMs requirement for ethical review.

Examples of MSc projects 2023/2024 cohort: *Lay summaries and presentations shared.*

• Improving home warmth and energy efficiency: A mapping review of London local authority interventions and their implications for health (Rebecca Newman)

• What is the Impact of Employment Support on the Employment of Adults Living with a Disability or Long-Term Condition: a Systematic Review. (Natasha Moriarty)

• Assessing the impact of virtual wards on the effectiveness, suitability, and acceptability across different sociodemographic groups in the United Kingdom: A Systematic Review (Renee Gulinigaer)

• Towards understanding the air quality impacts of Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTNs): A Health Impact Assessment of the proposed West Ham LTN (Hannah Whitcombe)

Thank you to the students that have presented at this meeting.

1. **Standing agenda items:** research opportunities

* Collaboration request – Food insecurity. This project will build relationships with LAs/community partners to engage in a two-way dialogue with caregivers and health professionals to identify the beliefs and behaviours of low-income families regarding responsive feeding practices and food insecurity. University of Cambridge internal [PPIE funds](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cam.ac.uk%2Fpublic-engagement%2Finformation-for-staff-and-students%2Fpublic-engagement-starter-fund&data=05%7C02%7Cj.sheringham%40ucl.ac.uk%7C00302559c1c249a51e9c08dcd0ac8f80%7C1faf88fea9984c5b93c9210a11d9a5c2%7C0%7C0%7C638614686838545038%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=fEIKSspkl3F1Zxgb0Ft%2BnD%2BtqWXTsaayps2vkbPpMV8%3D&reserved=0) (£2,000), to build larger collaboration. Deadline 16th September 2024.
* NIHR RSS Specialist Centre for Public Health Engagement Lead roles. Applications will be in due course.
* Senior Research Fellow in Population Health / Health Services Research [job advert](https://www.ucl.ac.uk/work-at-ucl/search-ucl-jobs/details?jobId=26742&jobTitle=Senior+Research+Fellow+in+Population+Health+%2F+Health+Services+Research): Deadline, 22nd September 2024.
* LAPHRN Co-chair - CV and a personal statement (up to 500 words) outlining your suitability, interest and relevant experience for this role to [dahr.laphrn@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:dahr.laphrn@ucl.ac.uk): Deadline, 22 September 2024.
* NIHR Healthy Homes/overcrowding grant call - [https://www.nihr.ac.uk/documents/2461-healthy-homes-overcrowding/36251#research-question](https://www.nihr.ac.uk/documents/2461-healthy-homes-overcrowding/36251) : webinar for application information, 9th October 2024. Application deadline, 1pm 12th December 2024.

*September opportunities, attached for reference.*

1. **CHILL Active Travel Study - impacts of the ULEZ implementation on children’s travel to school:** by Christina Xiao *(please see attached presentation slides for reference).*

*Summary: Traffic-related air pollution harms children's health and development. The NIHR-funded CHILL (Children's Health in London and Luton) cohort (n=3,414) is evaluating impacts of London's ULEZ. Outcomes include developmental (lung function, cognitive function), clinical (respiratory and mental health), quality of life, costs, behavioural and social (travel behaviours, physical activity). Here we report on impacts of the ULEZ implementation on travel to school*

BBC News Article: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cpw8envvv0do>

Project websites: <https://www.qmul.ac.uk/chill/>

<https://www.arc-nt.nihr.ac.uk/research/projects/impact-of-london-s-ulez-on-physical-activity-in-children/>

**ACTION:** SM to invite Chris Griffiths back to share additional findings.

**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 04th November 2:00 – 3:30pm**

<https://ucl.zoom.us/j/94360867068?pwd=KzZmRFlOUHNZSk1nWWtXNmhEVU0xUT09>

**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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