

COVID related HITs Roundup 27 May 2020

Dear HIT Leadership teams,

We hope you and your families are all keeping well.

Welcome to our fourth HITs round-up specifically aimed at providing you with **COVID-19 information relevant to HITs**.

All the information below will be posted on the BHP website – if you don't have time to read this email now then you can **bookmark the link below so you can easily find it when you do have time**.

<https://www.bristolhealthpartners.org.uk/covid-19-response/covid-19-hits-round-ups/>

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We have set up **1-hour online Zoom meetings for HIT leadership teams every two weeks** so that you can share new initiatives and tips for good practice, have an informal Q&A and discuss support from the core team that would help with your HIT work at this time. Please let us know if you have a suggestion for a meeting theme.

Each meeting will be chaired by one of our Senior Project Managers and other team members will join when possible. We suggest that you delegate one or two of your members to join the meetings to share information and ask questions on behalf of your HIT. **PPI members can claim back the cost of any phone calls using the UHBW expenses claim form and by providing a 'snap shot/scan' of the relevant section of their phone bill.**

The next details of the meeting are below:

- Wed 3 June 2-3pm ; join Zoom Meeting from your computer or smart phone using this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82174284068> Meeting ID: 821 7428 4068
You can dial in using any of the numbers from a landline as UK landline rates, more for mobiles tel: 0131 460 1196 tel: 0203 051 2874 tel: 0203 481 5237 tel: 0203 481 5240

External funding opportunities

A funding call from UKRI. [The Citizen Science Collaboration Grant](#) call builds on UKRI's [Vision for Public Engagement](#) and the Citizen Science Exploration Grant, which is already supporting members of the public to actively contribute to [research and innovation projects](#) that affect their lives. A total of £1.5 million will be available through the call, which will be open to researchers in any discipline based at eligible institutions and research organisations. The call will support research collaborations that take novel approaches to involving the public in research and encourages researchers from a range of disciplines to work together.

Although the call is not specifically COVID related we're sure they would be interested to see applications which focus on this. **Opening date 8 June, closing date 9 September.**
Minimum amount per application £156,250 and maximum amount £375,000

Evidence and evaluation

Our Evaluation Officer, Trish Harding, has compiled the attached document with guidance and resources for evaluating remote support/virtual service. We will be including this in an update of the HIT Operational Guide which we will share with you soon.

Nikki Cotterill and the BABCON HIT have developed a survey to try and capture the impact of COVID-19 on continence care provision. This is aimed at service providers and seeks to understand what is working/not working so well with changes in the way services are being delivered. Nikki has kindly agreed to [share this survey](#) with other HITs. It's in a preview format, and so you can go into this and not do any harm to the data being collected. She has advised that the development of the survey was by no means rigorously researched but did include input from the HIT Exec team (largely clinicians), commissioner and PPI. For further details please contact Nikki on Nikki.Cotterill@uwe.ac.uk

Talking about context: building a shared understanding of how your work is changing with COVID-19 Free live webinar and group learning on Thursday 4th June, 3-4 pm. Matter of Focus will be sharing a tool to help build a understanding of rapidly evolving contextual factors that shape work that can be used for evaluation and planning in a webinar on the 4th June. [Register here](#)

Health Select Committee has opened a number enquiries about how the health and social care sector may need to adapt and respond to COVID outbreak. They have put out two calls for evidence.

One on [Social care: funding and workforce](#) which is **accepting evidence until 5 June**.

Another [on Delivering Core NHs and Care Services during the Pandemic and Beyond](#) which is accepting evidence on 1) primary care services, and 3) mental health services [including dementia], however it does state that they are not solely for

Support and information

Comms Manager, Sabrina Lee, has produced some BHP Social Media Guidelines that we wanted to share with you, please see attached

Senior Project Manager, Jan Connett, has worked with PHWE and our Executive Group public contributors Katie Legge and Stephen Hill but produce an updated BHP PPI Payment Guidance, please see attached together with updated expenses claim form.

I have produced a Budget tracker template which HIT project managers are welcome to use and adapt if they think it's helpful, please see attached.

All of these documents will be included in the updated HIT Operational Guide which we will be circulating in the next week or so.