

August 2021 – HITs Round up

Welcome to our latest HITs round up.
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Chief Operating Officer update

Our Executive Group is becoming the **Research and Innovation Steering Group** for our local Integrated Care System (ICS). [Healthier Together](#) is the ICS for Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire, and will increasingly lead the development and delivery of health and care services in the region. Leaders in the ICS value the role of research and innovation that HITs and the wider partnership provide and want Bristol Health Partners fully involved in the ICS. This new, closer relationship gives us a great opportunity to share and progress your priorities. If you have any questions about this, we'd be really pleased to discuss.

I'm very happy to let you know that Soumeya Bouacida and Primrose Granville will be joining Stephen Hill and Katie Wild as **new public contributors for this Research and Innovation Steering Group**. Both from the Kidney Disease HIT, they will bring fantastic experience and connections into the discussions.

The team now has regular meetings with the [Bristol City Office](#). Very happy to raise any issues or opportunities with colleagues, please let us know.

We're looking forward to the conference on 12 and 21 October and delighted that so many of you have signed up. 21 October will be a special session for HITs where several members of the R&I Steering Group will join us. It's a great chance for you to share your work with each other and other system leaders. We'll share a more detailed programme in our September roundup.

Cross HIT meetings

The details of forthcoming meetings are below.

If you would like diary invites for these meetings to be sent to you please email louise.osborne@bristol.ac.uk

PLEASE NOTE meeting on Thurs 9 September 10.00-11.00 HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Thurs 7 October 10.00-11.00 – Join Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86365930479?pwd=VldhT29ZSXE1M2NYK0xiOUtkemQyUT09>

Meeting ID: 863 6593 0479 Passcode: 911551

Dial in using any of these numbers tel: 0131 460 1196 tel: 0203 051 2874 tel: 0203 481 5237 tel: 0203 4815240 tel: 0203 901 7895

Thurs 11 November 10.00-11.00 – Join Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84720483855?pwd=aHRsem9qZ3dVQ2R5V2dES1FUY0QvUT09>

Meeting ID: 847 2048 3855 Passcode: 262680

Dial in using any of these numbers tel: 0131 460 1196 tel: 0203 051 2874 tel: 0203 481 5237 tel: 0203 4815240 tel: 0203 901 7895

Job opportunities

Bluebell Inclusion and Diversity Link Worker

Closing date 17th September

Salary: 28,000 pro-rata

Location: Flexible between Bristol, City centre central hub and home, the post holder will also be required to undertake some travel throughout Bristol.

Duration: Initial 1-year fixed term contract.

Hours: 4 days - or can be flexible across 3 or 4 days, plus pension scheme.

See attached advert. [Application form](#)

Public contributor opportunity – West of England Patient Safety Collaborative Board

The West of England's Patient Safety Collaborative Board is looking for at least two public contributors to help shape their work and reflect patient views and experiences. There is more information [here](#) and you can contact Programme Manager, Nathalie Delaney:

nathalie.delaney@nhs.net

External funding opportunity

NIHR Policy Research Programme call: A qualitative study to understand the engagement, access, referral, and experiences of people with depression who might benefit from weight management services. More information about the call available [here](#).

It's a short turnaround time (stage 1 submissions by 14th September), but there is **£300-350K** available for this project. The Weight Management HIT doesn't have capacity to lead on this application, wondered if this was of interest to anyone who is involved in the Mental Health-related HITs? If anyone wanted to lead on this, then the Weight Management HIT would be happy to contribute. For example Dr Ann Smith Wallscourt Fellow (Senior Lecturer) in Health Technology is willing to help with the grant application and the data analysis aspect.

Events & Training

Please find free, upcoming training courses at NIHR ARC West listed below

- [Improving resource use: an introduction to economic approaches to evaluating health and care interventions](#)
Tuesday 7 & Wednesday 8 September 2021 (ignore closing date on website)
- [How to win at Twitter](#)
Thursday 9 September 2021 Closing date: Monday 23 August 2021
- [Writing for a lay audience](#)
Tuesday 21 September 2021 Closing date: Monday 7 September 2021

- [Basic statistics and data interpretation – Live Q&A session](#)
Wednesday 29 September 2021 Closing date: Monday 7 September 2021
- [Top tips for designing and delivering questionnaires – online materials - Live Q&A session](#)
Tuesday 5 October 2021 Closing date: Monday 13 September 2021

West of England AHSN Academy is running an **intermediate workshop on 14 September** specifically focused **on collecting and presenting data**. The workshop is designed for people who have attended prior QI training with the WEAHSN. It will be led by Dr Lesley Jordan, Consultant Anaesthetist at the RUH and Clinical Lead at the West of England AHSN. If you're interested in joining this free online learning, [find out more and book QI: how to collect and present data](#).

You may also be interested in some new resources that have recently launched on our website:

- [Creative Problem Solving Toolkit](#) – the full toolkit offers a wide range of practical tools to aid problem solving as part of a team. We have also honed in on eight specific tools with videos, templates and worksheets available.
- [Tools for developing emotional resilience](#) – a suite of tools to help you grow your emotional resilience. Watch our four short videos to learn about each technique, try them out and share the videos with your team to support everyone's wellbeing.
- [Skills for leading change](#) – A 50-minute interactive online workshop (with time stamps to enable you to jump to tools of interest) to equip you with skills for leading change programmes and bringing your team along on the journey.

Some upcoming online events that may be of interest.

Inclusion Matters: Antisemitism awareness, 22nd September, 14:00 - 15:15 In this session, Beth Ward from the Staff Inclusion Team will discuss the prevalence of anti-Jewish racism. The talk will cover historical origins of stereotypes and conspiracy theories that influence contemporary antisemitism, the ways in which it is manifested from overt white supremacy to unconscious bias and how it can be recognised.

Inclusion Matters: Representation Matters, 13th October, 12:30-13:30
"Representation is vital because it provides the opportunity for your existence to be acknowledged in the world" As part of our Black History Month series of events we are excited to welcome Aisha Thomas to come and talk to us about the importance of representation - specifically around race in education.

In conversation with Dr Jason Arday, 7th October, 17:30-18:30
As part of our Black History Month series of events, we are excited to be joined by [Dr Jason Arday](#), who will reflect on his personal and professional journey so far, with a Q&A at the end. Jason, who has been a guest speaker and facilitator at a range of University of Bristol training and events is an Associate Professor in Sociology at Durham University in the Department of Sociology and the Deputy Executive Dean for People and Culture in the Faculty of Social Science and Health.

Support & information

On 13 July BHP ran a valuable training session on **acknowledging and overcoming barriers to engagement with minority ethnic communities**. Please find attached some resources to help you develop practical tools and skills to address barriers to access, and new practices to engage

members of minority ethnic communities more widely with services, research and the work of Health Integration Teams. You may also find the following helpful:

- BNSSG Top Tips for Co-designing Healthcare Services
- Toolkit for Increasing Participation of Black Asian and Minority Ethnic Groups in Health and Social Care Research – NIHR East Midlands Centre for BME Health
 - Toolkit checklist COVID 19
- Know your communities: BNSSG Population by Language and Ethnicity
- Community organisations and venues (Bristol)
- Some further EDI resources for HITs
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/m000w6s7/extra-life-a-short-history-of-living-longer> explores some of the historical legacies which have resulted in suspicion in minority ethnic communities, e.g.
 - Henrietta Lacks: Whose cells doubled every 20 to 24 hours, and after her death her 'HeLa' cells were used in the treatment of cancer and other medical breakthroughs without her family's knowledge
 - Tuskegee: The Tuskegee Study of Untreated Syphilis in the African American Male is the longest nontherapeutic experiment on human beings in medical history
 - John Marian Sims: The 'Father of Modern Gynaecology' who performed shocking experiments on enslaved women
 - Sterilisation of black women: in USA and UK

What has the Covid-19 pandemic taught us about public health messaging? [Kings Fund blog](#) interviewing 3 academic researchers who have worked on developing public briefings and web-based tools throughout the pandemic, to gather insight on how they delivered timely evidence to the right people, at scale.

Understanding integration - The case for change: bringing services together around people and communities – Kings Fund paper please see attached.

Health inequalities in a nutshell – Facts and figures [Kings Fund blog](#)

Inclusive language in health and care – [Kings Fund blog](#)

As the forthcoming [Health and Care Bill](#) ushers in new measures to promote and enable collaboration in health and care, it brings with it a slew of new terminology and acronyms. While we integrate this new language into daily usage, we must think critically about how and why we choose specific terms over others. The words we use (or don't use) carry more power than we realise, and if used carelessly, terminology can silence, exclude, and dismiss certain people and their experiences. But applied carefully, certain terminology has the power to bring underrepresented voices to the forefront while making people feel included and valued