LAPH-Research Network (London North & Thames)
5 February 2024 2:00-3:30pm (zoom)

Attendees: Ann Sullivan, Fiona Duncan, Shamini Gnani, Abby List, Calum Mattocks, Billy Harrow, Marcelle Marinho, Pascal Navelle, Joyce Coker, Judith Eling, Katherine Barrett, Dougal Hargreaves, Alexandra Levitas, Andrew Trathen, Maria Kett, Alex McLellan, Niran Rehill, Katherine Murray, Emily Humphreys, Matt Egan, Marcella Ucci, Kim Airey, Demelza Smeeth, Dalya Marks, Steven Hope, Eirini Saloniki, Cyril Eshareturi, Bridget McGlinchy, Sarah Daniels, Sedina Lewis, Mary Etheridge, Hiten Dodhia, Arti Sharma, Muhammed Afolabi, Xiaoyun Li, Steven Hope, Liz Parson, Simon Twite, Hannah Choi, Cyril Eshareturi, Alison Anstead, Austen El-Osta, Prital Patel, Vaishnavee, Sho, Bianca D'Souza, Alex Lapting Cheuk, Mai Stafford, Ana-Catarina Pinho-Gomes,

Chairs: Jessica Sheringham, Leonora Weil.

Secretariat: Sharlene Mutyasira

1. **Welcomes**

2. **Notes and updates**

   MSc Scheme – The Local Authority Public Health Research Network (LAPHRN), in London North Thames is part of a 'network of networks' across the country in public health. Similar networks have been developed in other regions such as East of England, who are the leader of networks of networks. In a recent meeting in the East of England region, the Academy of Medical Sciences published a policy update (Sept 2023) was highlighted. It identifies four priority areas for actions:
   - Invest in health of the public research and practice through cross government and cross agency working to build an effective, evidence based and integrated public health system.
   - Harness data and novel methods and technologies for health of public research and practice.
   - Facilitate the use of health evidence for all policies.
   - Develop the next generation of public health researchers and practitioners.

   These changes are the aims of the LAPHRN but aim to draw on this more thoroughly in and out of this network.

   Conference update – Conference will be held on 26th March 2024, all day events.

   Useful links: https://www.arc-nt.nihr.ac.uk/news-and-events/2023/september-2023/laphrn-conference-26-march-2024/ - More information and how to apply

   Blog 'Getting to the heart of Public Health Research in Local Authorities': https://www.arc-nt.nihr.ac.uk/news-and-events/2023/nov-23/getting-to-the-heart-of-public-health-research-in-local-authorities/

Submit an abstract:
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=_oivH5ipW0yTySEKEdmlwjbQCYbBdH1Hj7W-6kpZSmxURVdLQVdIRVBaQVRRUzU3V0ZaMDlONElXVC4u

Terms of Reference – TOR (TOR circulated, tracked and clean version shared)

- Introduction of a steering oversight alliance (OA) group with London leaders to support agenda setting and strategic oversight of the group. The OA will meet in face to face to steer network aims, conference agenda and more.
- Broad changes: Emphasising that central of the work is developing the work within Local Authorities. The introduction of steering oversight alliance, led by Somen Banerjee. Focusing on key themes, the development of face-to-face events and links to wider networks.
- Representation across London – the core team will contact colleagues of the mailing list to better understand 'who' attends these meetings and 'what' areas they cover to identify gaps.
- Proposing to meet every 3 months rather than 2 months. Dates will be shared in January.
- Rotating hosting

Questions can be addressed by – Jessica Sheringham and Leonora Weil

3. **NIHR School of Public Health Research 3 - public mental health programme: presentation and discussion by Shamini Gnani and team**
   We will be sharing details of two new research projects on maximising the potential of community-based resources to improve mental health and reduce health inequalities among adults.
   We will also share findings of a previous research project on co-location of public mental health services.

   - Core Team Action: Network to revisit resource development in 2024. Taking into consideration North Central's development into this area as an example.

4. **Standing agenda items: research opportunities – funding calls and requests:**
   Cat Pinho-Gomes - The NIHR PHR program has launched new themed calls on the 7th of November. These include a call for climate change and health research. Cat Pinho-Gomes is looking for partners in local authorities to collaborate on a research proposal and would like to discuss some potential ideas with the network. https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding/23145-climate-change-and-health/34780 **Deadline 23rd April 2024.**
   Questions can be directed to – Cat Pinho-Gomes a.pinho-gomes@ucl.ac.uk

5. **Submitting an abstract to the LAPHRN conference– why to do it and where to start - Simon Twite and Alexandra Levitas**
   https://www.arc-nt.nihr.ac.uk/news-and-events/2023/dec-23/five-top-tips-for-conference-abstracts/
   - Questions and concerns, please contact Jessica Sheringham and Leonora Weil.
   - Public health topics: Inequalities, Communities, Climate, Housing, Cost of living, Screening and immunisation and Cross-sector working.

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 03rd June 2:00 – 3:30
https://ucl.zoom.us/j/92874419536?pwd=Q0VxMFlMckdUeGY3YmZLS1d3VXBGQT09

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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