



UK IMPLEMENTATION NETWORK

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# Implementation Knowledge and News

## The UK-IN Members Bulletin February 2017

Welcome to the first 2017 bulletin for members of the UK Implementation Network.

### News from Members

**Lisa Bostock**, at the Tilda Goldberg Centre shares news of an upcoming research publication:

#### ***Implementing the Reclaiming Social Work (RSW) model***

How do we create practice change in children's services? How do we know that this makes a difference to children and their families? Since October 2013, the Department for Education's (DfE) Children's Social Care Innovation Programme has funded 53 projects involving 120 public, private and voluntary organisations to improve services for vulnerable children, young people and their families. Each project had an evaluation attached. Evaluation teams like ours were asked to investigate how well projects were being implemented and what lessons could be learned for the children's social care sector as a whole. One of the projects that we evaluated was the [\*Scaling and Deepening the Reclaiming Social Work Model\*](#) which aimed to embed 'Reclaiming Social Work' (RSW) in five very different local authorities across England. RSW is an approach developed within the London Borough of Hackney aimed at improving services for children and families. It is sometimes referred to as the 'Hackney model'. This approach aims to 'reclaim social work' and re-orientate the child protection system toward practice with children and families that is relational and reflexive rather than adversarial and punitive. Keeping families together - where appropriate - is a fundamental aim of RSW. RSW is a complex whole-system reform that attempts to deliver systemic practice in children's services through a combination of training, small teams with shared cases, group systemic case discussions and reduced bureaucracy to free up social workers to work directly with



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families. What did we find makes a difference to social work practice? We will be reporting shortly that there are three interlocking elements of practice crucial to the implementation of RSW – namely a consultant social worker trained in systemic social work practice who leads the small team, use of weekly, group-based systemic case supervision and contribution of a clinician practitioner who is a qualified family therapist to case discussions. It is these factors in combination which appear critical to improving the quality of social work practice with children and families. More findings to follow once report has been published by DfE....

Dr Lisa Bostock  
Senior Research Fellow  
Tilda Goldberg Centre for Social Work and Social Care

**Arwen Wilcock**, Research Translation Manager at the Alzheimer's Society shares news of new funding for implementation research projects:

### ***Alzheimer's Society investment in implementation research***

Alzheimer's Society is pleased to be funding its first implementation research grants, supporting its work to move research and evidence based practice into the real world. The two grants are summarised below:

- Dr Karen Watchman, Senior Lecturer in Ageing, Frailty and Dementia is leading a new implementation study 'Life Through a Lens' at the University of Stirling. Starting in February 2017, this three-year participatory action research will investigate the implementation of non-pharmacological interventions (for example music, reminiscence and technology) with people who have a learning disability and dementia. Alongside co-researchers with a learning disability the research team will introduce photovoice as one of the ways of understanding the perception of family, staff and people with a learning disability who do not have dementia, but who live, work or socialise with people who have received a diagnosis. Keep a look out for the digital story of the research which will be developed alongside the study.

This research follows previous Alzheimer's Society-funded work completed by Karen Watchman, *Jenny's Diary*, a resource to support conversations about dementia with people who have a learning disability. 'Life Through a Lens' will see the implementation of *Jenny's Diary* into practice on a wider scale. For further information please contact Karen Watchman [Karen.Watchman@stir.ac.uk](mailto:Karen.Watchman@stir.ac.uk)

- Professor Dawn Brooker, Director of the University of Worcester Association for Dementia Studies is leading an implementation research project "Namaste Care Intervention UK" at the University of Worcester.

The three year project, launched in November 2016, focusses on the Namaste care programme developed in the USA. Namaste Care focuses on enhancing quality of life of people with advanced dementia through a range of physical, sensory and emotional care

practices. The research team aim to identify the aspects of Namaste Care that would be most effective to support people with advanced dementia within care homes in the UK, and identify how best to implement these. The research team will also create a professional network to share learning, aiming for the network to continue “a community of practice” beyond the research project.

## Conferences, learning events, upcoming webinars



Pre-Conference academy: **June 19<sup>th</sup> 2017**

### Upcoming international conferences

#### GIC 2017

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Global Implementation Conference (GIC2017)**

*Expanding implementation perspectives: engaging systems* - the unmissable conference for the global implementation science and practice community - is **June 20-21<sup>st</sup> 2017 at the Sheraton Centre Hotel, Toronto, Canada** and is open for registration now : [click here](#)  
Main conference: **June 20-21<sup>st</sup> 2017**

#### SIRC 2017

**4<sup>th</sup> Biennial Society for Implementation Research Collaboration (SIRC 2017)**

*Implementation Mechanisms: What Makes Implementation Work and Why? "Opening Pandora's box"* at the University of Washington Campus, Seattle

Main Conference **September 8-9, 2017**

Pre-Conference Workshop: **September 7, 2017**

**January 20, 2017** – Call for Abstract Opens; **March 1, 2017** – Conference Registration Opens

**March 15, 2017** -Call for Abstracts Closes

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*The Society for Implementation Research Collaboration (SIRC) biennial conferences are dedicated to facilitating communication and collaboration between implementation research teams, researchers, and community providers. To become a SIRC member, please go to our website:*

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## Courses

### **Implementation Science Masterclass (11 and 12 July 2017)**

This Masterclass at King's College London's [Waterloo Campus](#) is a two-day course for health professionals, researchers, patients and service users who aim to ensure health services routinely offer treatment and care that is based on the most recent research evidence and quality improvement principles. Hosted by **CLAHRC South London**, a research organisation working to improve health services and funded by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR).

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The Masterclass includes lectures from world-renowned experts in the field, small group workshops facilitated by leading researchers, and advice on how to work more effectively on your own implementation projects. If you are a researcher, health professional, patient or service user involved in an implementation project within health services, or planning to carry out, or to evaluate one, then this Masterclass will be of interest to you.

**Cost and register:** Course fees **£475**. Email [clahrcshortcourses@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:clahrcshortcourses@kcl.ac.uk) to register your interest. Further details about how to book will be available in early 2017. [Implementation Science Masterclass](#).

### **MSc in Implementation and Improvement Science open evening (20 February 2017)**

Are you a health professional, patient or service user, or researcher interested in improving health services and health outcomes for patients? If so, you are invited to an open evening for King's College London's new [MSc in Implementation and Improvement Science](#). You will be able to find out more about the course, meet with international experts who teach on the course and current students, and hear how studying this MSc could benefit your career.

### **PhD course *Implementation - Theory and application in health care***

**Linköping University, Sweden** 5 credits, **Autumn 2017**, is now open for applications. For more information visit their homepage at <https://beta.liu.se/en/research-activities/implementation>

### **Planning for implementation and sustainability: a 3-day workshop (April 10-12th, 2017)**

**Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, Canada**

This 3 day workshop is designed for professionals in any health-related discipline aiming to gain knowledge on how to apply the science of knowledge translation (KT) to real-world implementation projects. Through interactive lectures, activities, and coaching (optional), workshop participants will be able to do the following:

- ✓ Identify and engage relevant stakeholders for implementation
- ✓ Assess the context and readiness for implementation
- ✓ Describe critical steps of an implementation plan
- ✓ Explain how to measure implementation quality and considerations related to fidelity and adaptation
- ✓ Assess barriers and facilitators to sustainability and identify sustainability strategies
- ✓ Plan for scale up and spread of an evidence-based program

**Costs and register: Workshop only: \$1850.00**  
**Workshop and 3 hours of coaching: \$2200.00**

The cost includes the 3-day in-person workshop, take-home resources, and coaching (optional). Travel to and accommodation in Toronto for the 3-day in-person workshop is **not** included.

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To apply for this workshop, please fill out the workshop application form found at <http://knowledgetranslation.net/capacity-building/our-courses/planning-implementation-sustainability>, and submit your completed form to [Melissa Courvoisier](#).

The application **deadline** is March 3, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. EST.

If you would like to discuss whether this workshop aligns with your learning goals and needs, please contact Melissa Courvoisier.

*Implementation Knowledge and News is produced for members of the UK Implementation Network.* This regular bulletin keeps UK-IN members updated on new resources and planned and recent activity relating to implementation, and is a forum for sharing implementation-related news within the Network. **Please contribute!** We welcome all material and news providing the relevance to implementation or improvement practice, policy or research is made clear.

To suggest items for inclusion in the next edition, or for comments and feedback, please email the UK-IN administrator at [admin@UK-IN.org.uk](mailto:admin@UK-IN.org.uk). Next edition is summer 2017 – **please send items as soon as possible for inclusion. Estimated publication date: June 30th 2017.**



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**Are you interested in improving the effectiveness of services using the latest knowledge from the globally developing field of implementation science and practice?**

### **If so, join UK-IN: The UK Implementation Network!**

The UK Implementation Network was formed by an independent group of researchers, practice leaders, and policy professionals working in academia, central and local government and the third sector. It is one of a number of similar groups developing across the world, affiliated to the Global Implementation Initiative. The UK Network is for people who want to be part of a multidisciplinary learning community working towards the implementation of more effective services for children, young people and adults. We are building a range of activities and resources to bring people together and develop the field in the UK. Members have access to these opportunities:

- Meet and share learning with others working in policy, practice, and science across a wide range of services to people
- Reduced fees for learning and networking events, both virtual and physical, at different locations around the UK
- Access and contribute to online and other resources including publications, learning resources, links and information on relevant events and developments in implementation science and practice around the world

**Joining subscription to December 2017: £50.00 individual (£35.00 students);**

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**For more information on the Network, our Terms of Reference and steering group members, and an [application form](#), visit: [www.UK-IN.org.uk](http://www.UK-IN.org.uk)**



### **The UK Implementation Network**

Across the world, scientists, policy makers, funders and practitioners recognise that there is an *implementation gap* between what we know about effective services, and how we deliver them in practice. In social care and in health and education as well as in other areas of services for people, the fields of implementation, improvement and innovation science and practice are rapidly developing, aiming to pool knowledge and know-how in order to bridge this gap more quickly.

The **UK Implementation Network (UK-IN)** was launched in 2014 by a group of professionals working in human services policy, practice and research in the UK. We are developing structures for working together and sharing cross-disciplinary learning to address the implementation gap. UK-IN is funded entirely by donations and subscriptions.