

Health Services Research Network Symposium

Delivering better health services

19 and 20 June 2012, Manchester Central

The Health Services Research Network (HSRN) annual Symposium is the premier knowledge event for health services research. This event brings together presentations and discussions from the leading edge of research. This year, the Symposium will be followed by the NHS Confederation Annual Conference and Exhibition, offering an unparalleled interface between researchers, practitioners, managers and policy makers

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

All those working in the field of health services research and healthcare policy are invited to submit abstracts for presentation and/or poster display.

PRIZES

There is a £250 prize for best research presentation, a £150 prize for best poster display, and authors also have the opportunity to be published in a special supplement of the *Journal of Health Services Research and Policy*.

The Health Foundation will award a £200 prize for the research that has made the best contribution to the field of Improvement Science.

THEMES

As the key forum for all the different disciplines and professions of health services research, the Symposium aims to cover the breadth of health services research and policy.

The overarching theme for this year's symposium is translating knowledge into practice. We are keen to learn of and share research and practice experience of the facilitators to knowledge transfer and examples of how and where we can learn from other sectors.

We are especially keen to receive abstracts under the following themes:

- Workforce (e.g. new roles; performance; inter-professional working; staff engagement; cost-effectiveness; flexibility; and quality)
- Beyond the hospital (e.g. patient-centred care; moving care closer to home; effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of preventive services; integrated working between health and social care; impact of social care changes on

health outcomes; primary care and community health services; interface between NHS and care homes)

- Self-care and the role of the patient (e.g. patient experience; effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of self-care/self-management approaches)
- Productivity, prioritisation, and disinvestment (e.g. impact of initiatives to increase quality while releasing cash)
- Leadership, organisational culture, and commissioning practice (e.g. identifying, developing and supporting clinical leaders; effective commissioning models; the cultural impact of organisational change; local democracy and health care commissioning)
- Improvement Science [*strand sponsored by the Health Foundation*]: new approaches to achieve measurable and timely improvement in care processes; development of the underlying theory and evaluation of methods to improve quality, safety and value; implementation of evidence-based healthcare.

SCOPE

Research might cover:

- Need for health care
- Provision and management of health care
- Funding health care and paying providers
- Purchasing and commissioning health care
- Workforce and human resource management
- Evaluating health technologies
- Evaluating service delivery
- Organisational research
- Quality improvement
- Regulation of health services
- Information and IT policy
- Coverage, access and equity of use
- Patient/user experiences and views
- Knowledge transfer and linkage
- Methodological concerns

The HSRN welcomes submissions relating to quantitative and qualitative research and embraces work across all health care professions including nursing, pharmacy, medicine, management, physiotherapy, midwifery and all relevant disciplines including sociology, economics, epidemiology, health policy, statistics, psychology, history.

The remit of the Symposium includes all aspects of services including primary care, community care, social care, hospital care, health promotion and disease prevention, through curative services to long-term, rehabilitative and custodial care.

SUBMISSIONS

The deadline for submission is **17th February 2012**.

Abstracts must conform to the following requirements and authors must indicate if they wish to submit it for presentation and/or poster display:

- Include a short title (up to 20 words) and the author's names (asterisk the presenting author)
- Maximum length: 250 words
- Structured: background/objectives, methods, results, implications
- Include presenting author's contact details including institution, address, email, telephone and fax.

SELECTION

- Abstracts will undergo peer review and successful applications will be included in sessions with distinct themes.
- Authors will be advised in writing of acceptance or non-acceptance of abstracts by March 2012. Accepted abstracts will be published online.
- All presenting authors will have to register and pay for their attendance at the meeting.

Summit your abstract and find out more at
www.nhsconfed.org/HSRNevents

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