



# Implementation Knowledge and News

## The UK Implementation Society Bulletin, Spring 2018

### News

We're optimistically dating this bulletin *Spring*, despite having had to cancel our event **Implementation Journeys from the North** at the University of York on March 2<sup>nd</sup> due



to the terrible weather all over the country!

Apologies for the inconvenience to all who had booked and thank you for your kind messages. The good news is the talks looked great, and we have rescheduled the event for **May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018**. See the box overleaf for further details and to book on-line go to

[https://www.ukimplementation.org.uk/upcoming-](https://www.ukimplementation.org.uk/upcoming-events)

[events](https://www.ukimplementation.org.uk/upcoming-events) Tickets £20.00 for members of the Society; £75.00 others.

### Could you support the UK Implementation Society as a Trustee or as a volunteer?

We have vacancies on the Board for new trustees. We are looking for colleagues from any sector or discipline who have energy and a little time to spare to actively support the Society as it grows and develops. Our Trustees are 'hands on' so this is not a purely advisory role. If you don't feel you could join a Board but would like to offer practical help of any kind – for example with events, our website, or developing knowledge resources, consider volunteering! Contact the Chair at [admin@ukimplementation.org.uk](mailto:admin@ukimplementation.org.uk) for further discussion.

### Going to the Nordic Implementation Conference in May?

**Tom Jefford, UK-IS Trustee** and European Implementation Collaborative Board Member, is running a [pre-conference workshop](#) at the Nordic Implementation Conference on 28 May entitled **The Application of Murphy's law in Implementation ... If Anything Can Go Wrong – It Will! – Learning from Implementation Failure**.

## Free places for UK-IS members at implementation science courses and conferences: apply now!

UK-IS has teamed up with Surrey University and with Kings College London /CLAHRC South London, both of whom are offering excellent courses in implementation science this year.

- ❖ We are delighted to offer **one free place** for UK-IS members at *Using Implementation Science in Practice, University of Surrey, 16-17th April, 2018*.
- ❖ We're also offering **two free places** at the *Implementation Science Research Conference* at *Kings College London, 2018, July 17-18<sup>th</sup> 2018*) for members of the Society. See **Courses** below for details of how to book direct.

To enquire about the free places for UK-IS members, contact [admin@ukimplementation.org.uk](mailto:admin@ukimplementation.org.uk) In return, we ask that you agree to blog about the events for publication on the UK-IS website.

### *Implementation Journeys from the North: Blending improvement methodologies to improve services for families*

University of York, 2 May, 2018

**\*Rescheduled\* due to bad weather: new date **Weds May 2nd 2018****

**A day symposium on large scale change initiatives in the North of the UK** in practice, implementation science, child development and child neglect entitled: Learn about cutting edge work in Scotland and Northern England bringing implementation science and practice to the heart of real-world policy and practice development initiatives. In the morning the focus will be on work undertaken in Scotland led by **Dr Melissa Van Dyke**, International Expert Adviser in Implementation (CELCIS, University of Strathclyde) and **Fiona Mitchell**, Strategy and Alignment Lead (CELCIS, University of Strathclyde). The afternoon will focus on on-going work in the city of Bradford with speakers involved in the Better Start Bradford Initiative, to include **Gill Thornton**, Head of Programme, and **Dr Josie Dickerson**, Programme Manager for the *Better Start Bradford* Innovation Hub. This symposium has been designed for decision makers, change agents and all UK Implementation Society members who are interested in exploring the tensions and opportunities that exist when blending improvement approaches. The symposium will be chaired by **Professor Tracey Bywater**, Professor of Family Wellbeing, University of York and Secretary of the UK Implementation Society. See the UK-IS website for [more information and to register](#).

## UK Implementation Network becomes a Society: have you re-joined yet?

In late 2017 The UK Implementation Network became **The UK Implementation Society, (UK-IS)** registered charity 1175244. The purpose of the new Society is the advancement of the science and practice of implementation for the public benefit, with a focus on the implementation and improvement of services to people throughout the UK. The Society



provides cross sectoral and inter-disciplinary information and news, learning resources and opportunities for all people working in implementation and improvement science and practice. It collaborates with groups in other countries working to develop the field globally, and creates a network for all UK professionals to engage in an inclusive community of practice and learning.

**Former members of the UK Implementation Network are invited to transfer their membership as soon as possible and brand new members are welcomed! Membership application forms and subscription information can be accessed on the [UK-IS website](#).**

**Benefits of membership** include:

- **Regular e-bulletin** *Implementation Knowledge and News* several times a year with news of learning events, jobs, opportunities and brand new resources in implementation and improvement science and practice in the UK and elsewhere, direct to your email in-box, and online
- **Access online to downloadable resources for practice and research** including publications like our *Implementation Resource Digests*, presentations, learning resources and blogs from invited contributors. We are actively building our on-line Resources repository, most of which is available exclusively to members of the Society
- **Meet and share learning with others** working in policy, practice, and science across different sectors and across a wide range of services to people, at face to face events and virtually
- **Hear from experts in the field**, internationally and locally, on-line and at our events
- **Reduced or no fees for our learning and networking events**, seminars and conferences both virtual and physical, at different locations around the UK, including events we organise and events that welcome UK-IS guests
- **The right to designate yourself as a Member of The UK Implementation Society**, a sign of your professional commitment to the field
- **Reciprocal arrangements for discounted attendance at selected international events** that are organised for the global implementation community

## Other news

### News from the global implementation community – Launch of GIS

We're delighted to report that the **Global Implementation Initiative**, sponsors of the biennial Global Implementation Conference, has now launched the **Global Implementation Society** (GIS). Amongst other ambitions, GIS hopes to represents the broad interests of implementation practitioners and researchers, and to develop

global standards for high quality implementation practice and science. **Dean Fixsen**, President of GII, told us *"Standards ...will speak to professional conduct, hiring requirements, recommended salary....similar to other professions that set standards nationally and internationally for the benefit of all. Act together globally, benefit locally (as we like to say!)"*.

#### Planned benefits include:

- Access to members-only educational resources including online webinars, resources, presentations, discussion materials, and other resources that can be used, shared, and further developed by members
- Early registration opportunities for professional development sessions globally
- Reduced registration fees for the Global Implementation Conference (GIC) and Global Implementation Education events
- Access to live streaming of GIC plenary presentations

Visit the [Global Implementation Initiative](https://globalimplementation.org/society) site to join. Founding members willing to help establish the global society can join for just \$10.00 this year. Next year, **UK-IS members will be able to discount GIS membership dues to the value of their UK-IS membership fee.**



Join with your colleagues globally to:

- Establish a **PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE** based on implementation practice
- Develop a **SCIENCE** based on implementation research
- Add your voice to the members of the Global Implementation Society and participate in collective action to further the aims of implementation practice, science, and policy to improve outcomes for individuals and society.

Register to join GIS at <https://globalimplementation.org/society>



## *Courses and Upcoming events*

### ***DON'T MISS: Using Implementation Science in Practice, University of Surrey, 16-17th April, 2018\****

This two day [seminar](#) is for healthcare professionals, managers, commissioners, researchers and policy makers in both the public and private sector who

want to make effective use of evidence based treatment and care. Organised by UK-IS member **Dr Nicola Carey**, the seminar is led by international experts in the field of implementation science including **Dr Brian Mittman**, Senior Research Scientist at the Kaiser Permanente Southern California Department of Research, US, **Professor Sharon Straus**, Chair in Knowledge Translation and Quality of Care, Department of Medicine, University of Toronto, **Carl May**, Professor of Healthcare Innovation, University of Southampton and **Dr Siw Calfjord**, Linköping University, Sweden. For more information contact [N.Carey@surrey.ac.uk](mailto:N.Carey@surrey.ac.uk) and click [here](#) for more.



***\*ONE free place remaining for UK-IS members: contact [admin@ukimplementation.org.uk](mailto:admin@ukimplementation.org.uk) if you'd like to enquire and area willing to blog for UK-IS about the course***

### ***Knowledge into Action (module), Oxford University, 14-18th May, 2018***

This [module](#) aims to introduce you to implementation science and related interdisciplinary perspectives on the links between research evidence, practice and policy. Teaching will be led by **Professor Trish Greenhalgh**, a GP and eminent researcher and commentator at the Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health Sciences.

### ***DON'T MISS: Implementation Science Masterclass, King's College London, 17-18 July, 2018***

[The Implementation Science Masterclass 2018](#) 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. 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.

### ***Future Learn – free online quality improvement in healthcare course***

[Future Learn](#) is offering a free 6-week, 3 hours per week online training course on quality improvement in healthcare. The course includes quality improvement theories (such as

The Model for Improvement, an introduction to LEAN, an introduction to microsystems), engagement and co-production, and evaluation.

### ***QI 102: How to improve with The Model for Improvement***

If you want a refresher on The Model for Improvement or would like to share it with colleagues the HI Open School has a go min [online course](#) that works through the key principles.

### ***Health Service, Health Systems and Implementation Research in Mental Health Summer School, 11-13 July, 2018***

This three-day [Summer School](#) takes place in the heart of London, and is a collaboration between King's College London and the University of Verona. It is for health professionals and research students who want to learn how to apply innovative applied research methods to mental health service and public mental health systems. It includes lectures, practical sessions, interactive workshops and an option to experience the work of the South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust Recovery College, which offers co-designed workshops and courses to help service users become experts in their own recovery.

## ***Conferences***



### ***DON'T MISS: The 3rd Nordic Implementation Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark, May 28-30, 2018***

A European-wide conference with keynotes by Professor Judy Hutchings, Director of Bangor University's Centre for Evidence-Based Early Intervention, Kim de Jong, Assistant Professor at Leiden University and an expert in routine outcome monitoring, Dr

John Lavis Canada Research Chair in Evidence-Informed Health Systems and Director of the World Health Organisation (WHO) Collaborating Centre on Evidence-Informed Policy.

### ***Evidence Live 2018, University of Oxford, UK, 19-20 June, 2018***

[Evidence Live 2018](#) focuses dissemination, translation and innovation in health care.

### ***HSRUK Annual Conference, Nottingham Conference Centre, 4 - 5 July, 2018***

The [HSRUK Conference](#) presents the leading edge of health services research. The programme is multidisciplinary and includes research presentations and posters, and plenaries from research and service leaders. Delegates attend from a range of organisations: NHS and social care bodies, patient and citizen groups, universities and research institutes, industry and commercial knowledge consultancy, central and local



government and the third sector. **At this year's conference the Health Foundation has made a specific call for abstracts on improvement science**

***DON'T MISS: Strengthening partnerships between researchers, health professionals and policy makers: 1st Implementation Science Annual Research Conference, King's College London, 19 July, 2018\****

This [one-day conference](#) will showcase the latest research in the field of implementation science applied to health care and is the first conference of its kind to be held in the UK. The call for abstract closes on 16 April 2018. **This conference is being organised by the Centre for Implementation Science (CIS) at CLAHRC South London and is supported by the UK Implementation Society .**

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***The Global Evidence and Implementation Summit (GEIS) 2018, Melbourne, Australia, 22-24 October, 2018.***

[GEIS 2018](#) is multi-disciplinary forum for funding and implementing agencies, policy makers, practitioners, knowledge brokers and researchers committed to the generation and implementation of evidence for better policy and practice. **The call for abstracts is now open.**

## ***Archived events***

### ***Adoption and spread of innovation in the NHS***

This [webinar](#) hosted by The King's Fund with the CEOs of three Academic Health Science Networks (AHSNs) in England discussed the successes and challenges of spread innovation at scale in the NHS.

### ***De-implementing inhaled corticosteroids to improve quality and safety for patients with mild-to-moderate COPD: Mixed-methods findings of primary-care providers' perspectives***

In this QUERI Implementation Network [cyber seminar](#) Christian Helfrich and Krystel Stryczek talk about their work to de-implement inhaled corticosteroids to improve quality and safety for patients with mild-to-moderate COPD.

## *Jobs and opportunities*

### **Director of Implementation and Quality Improvement**

The Judge Baker Center for Children (Boston, USA) is looking for a [Director of Implementation and Quality Improvement](#). The role will provide leadership to further develop and expand their Quality Care Initiative and work to establish the Center as a regional and nation leader in implementation science.



### **Doctoral, Post-Doctoral, and Senior Fellowships in healthcare improvement**

[The Healthcare Improvement Studies](#) (THIS) Institute is opening a competition for UK universities to apply for fellowships for PhD, post-doctoral, and senior researchers in healthcare improvement science. Applications for PhD fellowships have already opened and close on 19<sup>th</sup> March. The applications for post-doctoral and senior fellowships will open in April and June, respectively.

## *New knowledge resources*



### **King's Improvement Science launches resources to support improvement and implementation**

King's Improvement Science is launching its [new resources](#) for quality improvement projects, implementation science research and evaluation. The resources will be useful for people who want to improve health and social care services, including health and social care professionals; patients, service users and the public; NHS managers; students; and researchers.

The resources are being **launched at an event on 18 April (10am to 1.30pm)** at King's College London. The event is an opportunity to hear how the resources were developed, and learn how they can help you in your work. The event will also be an opportunity to join Q&A session to get answers to your burning questions from our experts in quality improvement and implementation science. Please [register](#) if you are interested in attending the launch.



### **Quality Improvement explained in four everyday objects by Scottish Public Health**

Scottish Public Health has developed a [blog](#) and [YouTube](#) video to explain the principles of quality improvement by stripping away the jargon...it involves Russian dolls, a lamp, a garden gate, and some scales!

### **The Implementation Station**

The [Implementation Station](#) is a new podcast that launched on December 2017 and is dedicated to enhancing the dissemination and discussion around topics ranging across improvement and implementation sciences. Produced by the Center for Clinical Quality and Implementation Research at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, the podcast covers emerging topics, innovative research, and pragmatic applications with experts across the nation.

### **Resources for quality improvement and implementation by King's Improvement Science**

King's Improvement Science has produced [new resources](#) for quality improvement projects, implementation science research and evaluation. The resources will be useful for people who want to improve health and social care services, including health and social care professionals; patients, service users and the public; NHS managers; students; and researchers.

### **Adoption and spread of innovation in the NHS**

The King's Fund and AHSN Network follow the journeys of eight innovations from creation to widespread use in this [new report](#).

### **Against the odds: successfully scaling innovation in the NHS**

The Health Foundation published a [report](#) in January which offers a synthesising the new evidence about the spread of innovation in health by building upon Greenhalgh's influential review in 2004.

### **Simplifying theory in implementation**

Dr Sarah Knowles is an NIHR Knowledge Mobilisation Research Fellow working with the Greater Manchester CLAHRC and with the Connected Health Cities programme. In a blog called '[Data, patient, action!](#)' Dr Knowles explores a way to make implementation theories more accessible.



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## *New publications by UK-IS members*

**Coming soon!** Have you published something relevant to other members recently? Don't be bashful – tell us about it and it could appear here, next bulletin.

## *That's it Folks!*

Please send any items for future bulletins to Andrew Walker, Knowledge and Resources Officer c/o [admin@ukimplementation.org.uk](mailto:admin@ukimplementation.org.uk)



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*Building capacity, sharing learning, and connecting professionals in implementation, improvement and innovation in services to people*

Do you want access to other resources like this? 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-IS:

### The UK Implementation Society

The **UK Implementation Society** 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. The UK Implementation Society is for people who want to be part of a multidisciplinary learning community working towards the implementation of more effective services for people and communities. 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, seminars and conferences 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

To join and for more information on the Society visit:  
[www.ukimplementation.org.uk](http://www.ukimplementation.org.uk)



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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 Society (UK-IS)** is working to promote, increase and sustain knowledge and understanding of the science and practice of effective implementation. We bring together professionals and students working to share cross-disciplinary learning to address the implementation gap. UK-IS is funded entirely by donations and subscriptions. Contact us at [admin@ukimplementation.org.uk](mailto:admin@ukimplementation.org.uk)

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