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Health Services Research UK

The voice of UK Health Services Research

HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH

Health services research (HSR) is the multidisciplinary study of health and social care quality, access and costs. It looks across pathways, organisations and systems at how our health services work, how to improve healthcare policy and delivery and support patients.

Health services research aims to produce rigorous evidence that will make NHS services more effective, equitable and efficient, ultimately improving the health of the population.

The wide audience for this research includes health professionals, NHS leaders, managers, commissioners and providers; as well as patients, communities and the wider public. Health services research can be researcher-led or commissioned, and covers many themes and methods.

HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH UK

Health Services Research UK (HSRUK) is the UK network dedicated to the promotion of health services research in policy and practice. The collective voice of UK health services research, we connect researchers with health service leaders, managers and clinicians to drive improvement and innovation in the NHS.

We are a self-supporting network with a diverse membership of individuals and organisations across university research centres, NHS bodies, research charities, think tanks, health professional and patient groups and the private sector.

Currently hosted by Universities UK, HSRUK is advised by an active Board of health service leaders, funders, early career researchers and leading academics.

OUR OBJECTIVES

To convene and connect producers and users of health services research in the UK, and building links across Europe and globally

To support evidence-based policy and practice in the NHS, helping to mobilise health services research, build capacity and make an impact

To influence policy leaders and funders to improve the profile and landscape of health services research, enabling it to thrive

ACHIEVING OUR 2017 OBJECTIVES

HSRUK proactively creates opportunities to make policymakers and health service leaders aware of the vital role of health services research

POLICY AND ADVOCACY

RESPONSE TO NIHR FUTURES SURVEY

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) commissioned RAND Europe to carry out the **Future of Health** survey, inviting views on what health and healthcare in England might look like in 20 years' time. The HSRUK Board responded to the survey, helping to inform strategic discussions about the future priorities of the NIHR.

HEALTH RESEARCH AUTHORITY

HSRUK continued to engage the **HRA** to improve and support **appropriate governance** for the field of health services research.

NHS DIGITAL

NHS Digital are the national **information and technology** partner to the health and social care system. We continued our conversation with NHS Digital about the importance of improving **access to data** for health services researchers.

HSRUK 2017 CONFERENCE

300 delegates attended HSRUK's 10th annual Conference in 2017, in Nottingham: with more than 60 sessions and interactive workshops. Bringing together the worlds of health services research, policy and practice, the conference showcased impressive new research in workforce, improvement science, patient and public involvement, emergency care and research innovation, and resulted in the emergence of many new partnerships.

PARTNERSHIP WORKING

Our Winter meeting on **new care models**, organised in partnership with **Manchester Business School**, gathered an audience of over 60 researchers, service leaders and people using services to hear about the evidence and evaluation of new care models in the NHS.

We also launched a series of **policy breakfasts** in partnership with **The Health Foundation**, convening senior academics and healthcare leaders to explore the impact of health services research. The first of these high profile roundtable events, "**Governing for improvement**", looked at the role of NHS Boards in ensuring quality improvement within hospitals.

Speakers Naomi Chambers, Professor of Healthcare Management at Alliance Manchester Business School, and Naomi Fulop, Professor of Healthcare Organisation and Management at UCL's Department of Applied Health Research, shared the latest research on how Boards can support high performance organisations.

COMMUNICATIONS

Our **website HSRUK.org** continued to be a valuable resource for the health services research community, featuring the latest publications, viewpoints, events and research opportunities from jobs to funding, abstract calls to courses.

Our **member email updates** shared the latest news in health services research, our policy work and events, opportunities and the best of the web.

Our **twitter feed [@HSRN_UK](https://twitter.com/HSRN_UK)** keeps growing in influence and followers (3000+ and counting!) with news and opinions from influential voices in health services research.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2018?

CO-PRODUCING HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH, 4 MAY

Join us at our Spring meeting to discuss innovative approaches to co-production and how to measure success. Researchers and people using services will share their experiences, along with viewpoints from clinicians, commissioners and even the arts! This dynamic, interactive event is led by the NIHR Knowledge Mobilisation Research Fellows in collaboration with Health Services Research UK.

HEALTH RESEARCH POLICY IN ENGLAND, 9 MAY

This seminar will explore the development of health research policy and strategy in England, asking how policymakers, research funders, academic institutions, commercial companies and NHS organisations have shaped health research policy: and reflecting on lessons for the future.

MANAGING WINTER PRESSURES IN THE NHS, 30 MAY

This roundtable event will look how the NHS can respond to winter pressures, presenting the most current research and insights for discussion and debate. Senior NHS leaders, policy makers and specialists in urgent and emergency care will come together in the first of our 2018 policy breakfasts with the Health Foundation.

HSRUK 2018 CONFERENCE, 4-5 JULY

We return to Nottingham for this year's conference, to host the leading edge of health services research. Whether you're an early career researcher or experienced academic, NHS leader, clinician or commissioner, charity or private provider, there's something in our outstanding programme for you. Our keynote speaker is Professor Nick Black, with plenaries on key research themes including workforce issues, children and young people's mental health, rapid evaluation of methods and how research can inform the future of healthcare.

"The keynote speeches and the presentation on Brexit were excellent"

"Always very good speakers on themes which are thought-provoking and inspiring"

"Consistently excellent! Much higher standard than at other conferences!"

"The workshops are an excellent way to network and share ideas. Absolutely excellent sessions!"

AND POST-CONFERENCE...

We will be announcing dates for our Autumn meeting on big data in health services research, and our next policy breakfast with The Health Foundation on workforce issues. Plus, if you're an early career researcher, we're planning a new programme of activity just for you.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

YOU CAN:

- Attend topical events with high profile speakers
- Connect with the right people for your research needs, from patient groups to service leaders
- Get involved in shaping our priorities and activity, to raise the profile of health services research
- Keep informed with the latest research

FEATURES

- Join us at our annual Conference, presenting the latest in health services research — **and save £100 per person on registration fees**
- Discounted tickets to topical meetings and seminars with high profile speakers
- Blogs, briefings and digests on key issues and landmark health services evidence
- Frequent website and email updates curating the latest viewpoints, opportunities and events

****Event discounts apply to individual members and all colleagues in an organisational membership***

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS RESEARCHERS

- Join our active community of researchers
- Access to NHS organisations and networks to understand their priorities and shape research
- Input into national policy, from funding to the research environment

NHS LEADERS, MANAGERS, CLINICIANS, COMMISSIONERS AND PROVIDERS

- Real-time updates of the latest health services research, made relevant to you
- Connect with leading academics and use their expertise to solve pressing service issues
- Develop critical thinking and skills to make better use of research in your work

ASSOCIATES: INCL RESEARCH CHARITIES, FUNDERS, ROYAL COLLEGES, THINK TANKS

- Connection to the health services research community, from research to policy and practice
- Access to leaders in the field
- Insight to the latest developments and thinking in health services research

JOIN HSRUK TODAY—FOR FREE!

Membership is open to individuals and organisations who produce or use evidence to improve health services. To join, just complete our short application form: hsruk.org/join-hsruk
Email your application to Daniel Camero, membership officer at hsrn@universitiesuk.ac.uk

Organisational membership is £500 p.a. which gives you and your colleagues full benefits. Individual membership is £50 p.a. (£30 students) but we are offering a year FREE to all event attendees today!

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