

## **CAHPR First Year Report November 2014-2015**

The Council for Allied Health Professions Research was officially launched a year ago and we are delighted to take our 1st year anniversary as an opportunity to tell you about all the things that CAHPR has achieved in its first year.

CAHPR has created a set of popular resources called the 'Top Ten tips' series which focus on topics that are important to AHPs in undertaking research activities, to date, the range includes topics on running a journal club, developing a scientific poster, writing for publication and capturing research impact. We are also looking to develop a set of resources to support AHPs submitting abstracts to conferences, which will include webinars, podcasts etc.

CAHPR has also initiated a number of projects. These include: developing a manager's toolkit (which is a set resources designed to support managers developing a research culture within their work place), collating information to gain perspective on AHPs contribution to the Research Excellence Framework 2014, gathering information from its Regional Hub Network to inform a brief on how AHPS can engage with AHSNs and CLAHRCs.

CAHPR has worked with Public Health England (PHE) to create, administer and award three CAHPR Public Health Research Awards. This enabled CAHPR to demonstrate to PHE the wide range of activities that AHPs undertake supporting the public health agenda.

CAHPR has responded to a number of consultations which have an impact on AHP research culture within health and social care. Recent consultations have included responses to: draft research strategies of Higher Education England, PHE and Scottish government as well as commenting on the Stroke Association's proposed lectureship programme.

CAHPR also has made links with the following organisations through representation on committees / working groups these include: the Public Health England Allied Health Professions project board, Health Education England clinical academic careers stakeholder group and the Association of UK University Hospitals campaign group.

Additionally the CAHPR regional hubs have made a number of strategic links with a wide network of influential organisations including: NIHR Clinical Research Networks and Collaborations for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care, Research Design Service, Academic Health and Science Networks.

The regional hubs have also undertaken a number of activities which have included, workshops, conferences, networking events, consultations, mentoring, advice, and bursaries to name but a few, example of outcomes from such activities have included:

- Supporting a speech language therapist to successfully submit abstract for poster presentation at Royal College of Speech and Language Therapy Conference
- Supporting a number of AHPs to submit and be accepted to a peer-reviewed journal paper
- Supporting a speech therapists to apply for a HEE internship
- Supporting a poster workshop that enabled the Bournemouth diabetes team to win an award for best poster presentations
- Supporting an AHP team to win a significant funding grant from a London hospice to undertake AHP research
- Supported the development of small project funded from a hub grant scheme which led to the formation of multidisciplinary research group, who are now developing a series of research projects in the area of Achilles rehabilitation
- Supported a local Bournemouth podiatry team to develop a series of posters which was awarded a conference poster prize for embedding research within their clinical practice
- Supported an international Delphi exercise to develop a musculoskeletal foot and ankle assessment tool
- Supported the development of internships for AHPs, through the Arthritis Research UK centre for Exercise, sport and osteoarthritis research.

We look forward to another productive year ahead and thank you for your continuing support.



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