

Identifying Priorities for Physiotherapy Research in the UK: the James Lind Alliance Physiotherapy Priority Setting Partnership



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Background

Research priorities for the UK Physiotherapy profession were last set in 2010. The CSP is taking a broad approach to updating these priorities encompassing:

- clinical practice
- service delivery
- workforce development
- policy

Aim

To set research priorities that are highly relevant to clinicians and patients for the physiotherapy profession in the UK for the next five years.

Methods

The James Lind Alliance (JLA) Physiotherapy Priority Setting Partnership (PSP) uses a novel, collaborative approach to identify and prioritise uncertainties or questions about physiotherapy that are important to patients, carers and clinicians www.jla.nihr.ac.uk

A Steering Group and partner organisations (including Professional Networks, charities, universities and commissioning bodies) are invited to help support and promote the PSP.

Figure 1 - Stages in Priority Setting

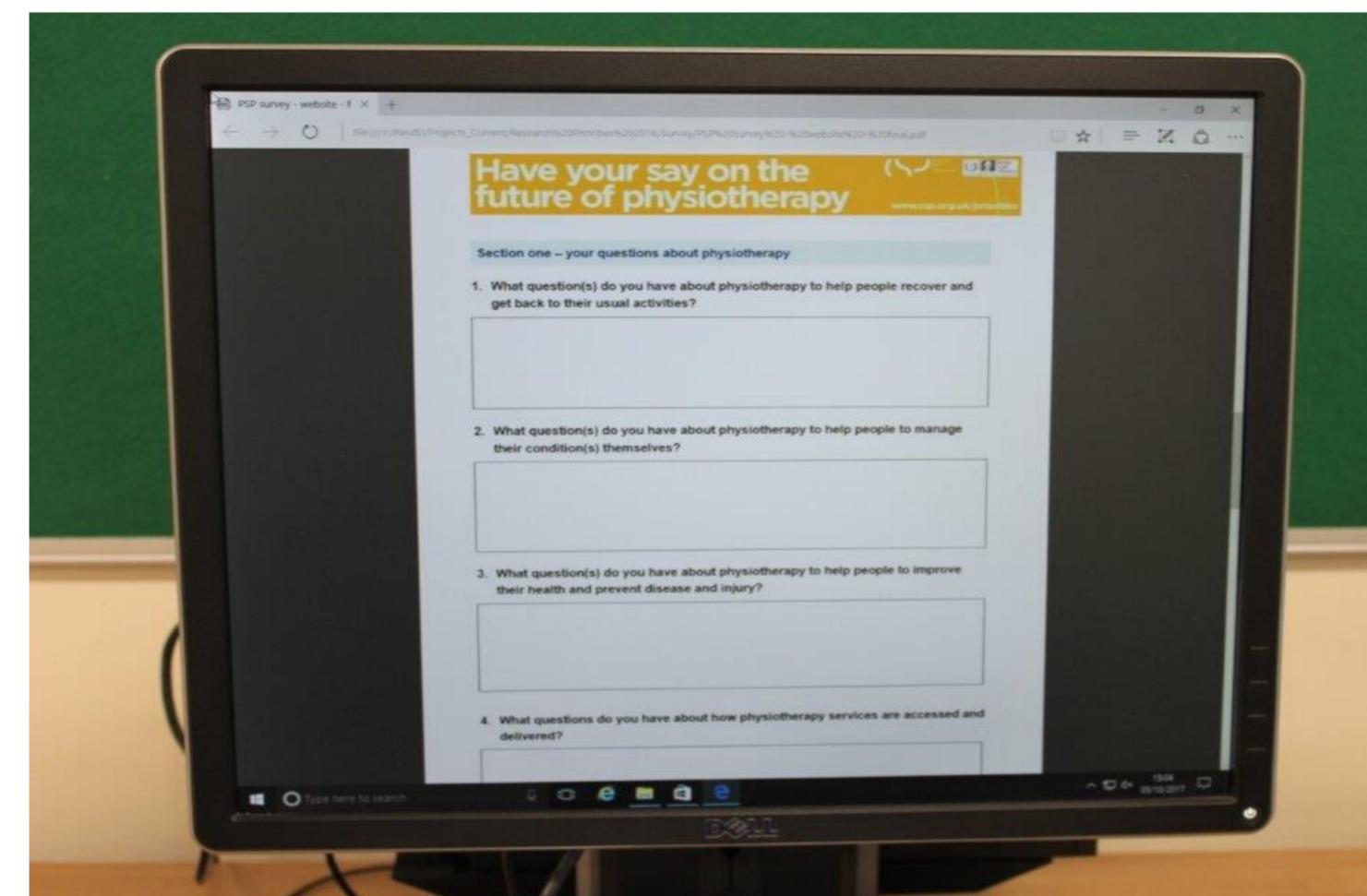


Results

- Steering Group established to oversee the PSP. This is composed of 14 members from within and outside the physiotherapy profession, including clinician, patient and carer representation
- Over 40 partner organisations from across the UK are engaging with the PSP



- 540 responses received in the first survey, with 2151 questions generated



- Latest information and results available on the Physiotherapy PSP webpages: www.csp.org.uk/priorities

Conclusions

The Physiotherapy PSP provides an opportunity for CSP members, patients, carers and other stakeholders to influence and guide the profession's research agenda. Its broad scope is unique within the JLA's portfolio and will enable a wide range of physiotherapy-related issues to be captured.

Implications

- Results will be used to directly inform, guide and influence physiotherapy research funding, commissioning and decisions to produce evidence that matters to patients and those involved in their care
- The methodological approach to priority setting across a wide scope of practice may be of interest to other professional groups.

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