

## Promoting and Supporting 'Evidence & Evaluation' to CCGs

CLAHRC West and West of England AHSN have developed a package of online resources and complementary workshops to support their seven Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) to find and use evidence, and get started with service evaluation. This summary explains the 'what and how'.

### Evidence

#### West of England Activity to date:

- 7 locations
- 7 CCGs
- 63 attendees
- 1 scheduled for March 17

### 'Finding the Evidence' Workshop

A two-hour workshop to introduce 'Evidence Works', the on-line Evidence Toolkit, and to step you through the processes of identifying and assessing evidence. Teaching, discussion and practical activities will boost your skills in finding evidence efficiently and build confidence in how to use evidence in commissioning. Topics covered include:

- *What is evidence? Recognising different types*
- *How to find and use 'Evidence Works', the online Evidence Toolkit*
- *Tips and tricks for a good evidence search (with demo)*
- *How do you know what evidence is good enough? – taste of critical appraisal*
- *What next – online Evidence Works toolkit resources and further support*

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909 users since launch\*

### 'Evidence Works' - [www.nhsevidencetoolkit.net](http://www.nhsevidencetoolkit.net)

Content includes: What is evidence?, Evidence Culture, Evidence cycle, Checklist, case studies, training links, further information, West of England contacts, video, FAQs and Glossary.

### Evaluation

#### West of England activity to date:

- 5 locations
- 5 CCGs
- 51 attendees
- 2 scheduled for Feb 17

### 'Getting started with Evaluation' Workshop

A two-hour workshop to introduce 'Evaluation Works', the online Evaluation Toolkit, and give an overview of the five steps of evaluation. Teaching, discussion and practical activities will help you understand the evaluation process, get started with a plan and encourage you to take the next steps. Topics covered include:

- *What is evaluation and why do it?*
- *How to find and make the most of 'Evaluation Works', the online Evaluation Toolkit*
- *The 5 steps of evaluation*
- *How to define and explain the purpose of an evaluation to your stakeholders*
- *How to move forward – next steps and Evaluation Works toolkit resources*

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Resources	West of England Implementation	Availability for West of England partners and beyond
'Evidence Works' & 'Evaluation Works' – online toolkits (*Launched April 2016)	Referenced in Workshops Promotion via eNewsletters, events, social media etc.	Via web addresses overleaf. Free of charge usage.
Promotional poster for online toolkits	Shared widely, as above.	Available on request. See contacts below.
Workshops: 'Finding the Evidence' & 'Getting Started with Evaluation'	Run 12 times across 7 CCGs in 6 months on their premises; trained 114 staff. Repeating workshops in CCGs in 2017.	Delivered for CLAHRC West partner organisations. Potential to run for other organisations. Contact us to register interest.
Slide deck for workshops (Evidence & Evaluation)	Used for Evidence and Evaluation workshops; shared with delegates.	Available on request. See contacts below.
Evidence & Evaluation Case Studies	Currently collecting case studies to demonstrate value and impact of using evidence, and evaluation.	In development.
Impact assessment	Currently contacting all workshop attendees to understand impact, and inform next steps.	In development.

**Other Evaluation-related Initiatives** (available at <http://clahrc-west.nihr.ac.uk/evaluation/> )

Guidelines for PPI in Evaluation	Lead by regional PPI forum	In draft form.
South West Evaluation Virtual Support Network	3-month trial of virtual network planned for Jan-Mar 17	Contact us to join
What does good look like?	One-page guide for Evaluation	In development.
Principles of Pragmatic Evaluation	Regional event held in Dec 15, with follow-up of outcomes.	Event report on website.
Evaluation of Innovative Technologies for Health	Event planned for Spring 2017	Event for West of England Partners.

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