

The Public Health Practice Evaluation Scheme

NIHR, School for Public Health Research

Funded initially by SPHR now jointly with Public Health England

Aims to:

- Deliver high quality evidence on the health and social impact of local public health initiatives to support local PH practice
- Respond to local needs. Applicants are PH practitioners across sectors
- Build capacity : local PH practitioners are involved in evaluations

The scheme is very popular:

- Since it began in May 2012 we have had **81** outline applications
- In the latest round we had over **70** enquiries!

Selection process:

- Local practitioners identify projects they would like to be evaluated
- Work with a SPHR academic partner to prepare an application that focuses on the intervention
- These are then prioritised by two panels
 - Public Health England Regional Centre representatives
 - Representatives of each of SPHR academic members

Shortlisting against pre-set criteria

- Projects/initiatives must be local not national
- Focused on PH priority: potential to improve health; reduce inequalities
- Innovative: no previous high quality evaluation
- Findings must be relevant to other areas so they can be transferred
- Has to be supported by a SPHR member with relevant expertise
- Feasible to evaluate within 24 months and cost between £50k and £250k
- Project needs secure funding and need local contribution in cash or kind

The Sixteen PHPES studies

1. Midwife led intervention to reduce smoking in pregnancy – FUSE
2. Mentoring for vulnerable/excluded adolescents – Bristol
3. Alcohol Screening & Brief Intervention for Young People – Bristol
4. Community diabetes prevention programme – Exeter
5. ILA Cumulative Impact Zone initiative – LSHTM
6. Reducing the cost of local leisure facilities – LiLaC
7. Domestic Abuse Prevention Project – ScHARR
8. London-wide HIV Prevention Programme (LHPP) – UCL

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9. Citizen advice centre support – FUSE
- 10. Time Credits Programme** (South East) – Cambridge
11. Football as a mental health intervention - UCL
12. Smoke free homes initiative - FUSE
13. Housing and health improvement programme - ScHARR
14. Alcohol Licensing Tool - LSHTM
15. Falls Prevention programme - Cambridge
16. Social Prescribing - FUSE

The Next Steps

- School for Public Health Research has received five more years funding
- We are currently planning next programme of work
- Reviewing PHPES experience to date
 - Further information about the review will be posted on website

<http://sphr.nihr.ac.uk/phpes/>