

## **A guide to the Adult Social Work Priority Setting Partnership Workshop**

### **What is this workshop for?**

The aim of the workshop is to decide the Top 10 questions for research on adult social work. We call this priority setting. We will be working with a list of questions that came from a survey we carried out with people who use adult social work services, carers, and social workers themselves.

We hope that this will help researchers focus on finding answers to the questions that matter most to people who use the services and those that provide them.

The workshop is not about answering these questions. Researchers can do that later. The workshop is about deciding what the most important questions are.

### **What time is the workshop and where is it?**

Registration and refreshments will be from 9.30am and the workshop will start promptly at 10.15am. It will finish at 4pm. It is at King's College London, Strand Campus, Strand, London, WC2R 2LS.

You can find more details of the location here <https://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/campus/strand.aspx> as well as information about the accessibility of the building. It is close to Temple, Embankment and Charing Cross underground stations and the building is next to Somerset House.

On the next page are some photographs to help you recognise the building on the Strand.



## **Who will be there?**

There will be about 30 people at the workshop who will be:

- People with support needs who have used social work services
- Carers of people who have used social work services
- People involved in providing social work services.

You will all be making decisions together about the research questions you think are the most important to help improve future adult social work services.

Three facilitators from the James Lind Alliance will run the meeting. They are Katherine Cowan, Toto Gronlund and Sheela Upadhyaya. Their job is to make sure that everyone is included equally, listened to and can have their say.

There will be a few people there who will watch the meeting, but won't be taking part in the discussions.

## **What will happen?**

When you arrive, we will give you a name badge showing just your first name and last name.

There will be an introduction at the start of the day to explain how the workshop will run and to answer any questions you might have.

You will then work in small groups of around 8 – 10 people to discuss up to 25 research questions. With help from one of the facilitators, you will decide together the order of importance of the questions.

Towards the end of the afternoon, you will all look at the order of the questions as one large group and then discuss and agree the order of the top 10. The latest we will finish is at 4pm.

There will be refreshment breaks in the morning and afternoon, as well as lunch. If you have any dietary requirements that you haven't already mentioned, please let Caroline Whiting know on [c.whiting@southampton.ac.uk](mailto:c.whiting@southampton.ac.uk) Caroline will happily telephone you if you would rather discuss anything on the phone. There is no dress code for the workshop – please wear whatever you are comfortable in.

The questions that will be discussed will be printed on large cards. The cards can be moved around and put in the order that each group would like. The facilitators will help you and are there to answer any questions you have. These are photographs from a previous similar workshop.





### **What do I have to do?**

We want you to talk about your opinions and experiences.

Everyone at the workshop will have different views and ideas, and they are all valid and important. Everyone will be encouraged to share their views, but also to listen to each other.

We want to know your personal views and experiences on which questions could really make a difference to adult social work if research answered them.

The workshop facilitators are there to support you and will make sure you have a chance to have your say.

### **Do I need to do anything to prepare?**

We will send you a worksheet nearer the time, showing the list of questions we will be discussing at the workshop. These have been shortlisted by a voting process that took place with people who use adult social work services, their carers, and social workers in May and June 2018.

Please read the list beforehand and decide which questions you think are most important for research, and which questions are less important, in your opinion. You

do not need to know about research – we just want to know what you think. Please bring that list to the workshop with you.

### **What will happen to the Top 10 once it is agreed?**

The Top 10 most important unanswered questions will be published and reported widely, so that researchers and research funders can think about how best to answer them. Once the results of the workshop have been announced you will be able to see them on the JLA website at <http://www.jla.nihr.ac.uk/priority-setting-partnerships/adult-social-work/>

### **THANK YOU!**

We look forward to working with you. If you have any questions before the workshop please contact Caroline Whiting by email on [cla@southampton.ac.uk](mailto:cla@southampton.ac.uk) or by phone on 023 80 595489