Welcome to the latest issue of the CURE quarterly newsletter. This is our first newsletter of the year and as you’ll see there’s been a lot of dissemination and impact activity going on involving CURE staff and our PPI groups. Thanks to everyone who has contributed information to the newsletter and as ever we hope you enjoy the content and continue to follow the activity of the group via our website and social media (contact details at the end of the newsletter). Have a great summer!

Conferences

There was a delegation of three CURE staff for this year’s 999 EMS Forum in Copenhagen in April. Jamie Miles gave a talk at the ‘TED’ talk session and posters were presented from a number of projects:

1) Emma Knowles presented on “Might organisational culture affect ambulance non conveyance (NC) rates: results from the VAN study”

2) Jamie Miles presented two posters “Thinking on scene: using vignettes to assess the accuracy and rationale of paramedic decision making” and “Ambulance over-conveyance to the emergency department: a large data analysis of ambulance journeys”

3) Janetter Turner presented on “Impact of additional call triage time on EMS response performance and resource use”.

Copies of the abstracts can be found here: http://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/8/Suppl_1/

NHS's Turning 70

The National Health Service is turning 70 on 5th July 2018. CURE will be involved in helping celebrate this anniversary in Sheffield, 5th July 12-7pm outside Sheffield Cathedral. A stand will be set up at the event including representatives from CURE (including SECF) and Yorkshire Ambulance Service. Attractions will include a vintage ambulance from the emergency services museum in Sheffield, alongside a modern ambulance and a TV screen to show multi-media including the PHOEBE animation. Further information can be obtained from Andy Irving (a.irving@sheffield.ac.uk).

More information on the celebrations happening around the country can be found here https://www.nhs70.nhs.uk/

EMS Copenhagen

Sheffield Teaching Hospital

'Staff Rounds'

The Sheffield Teaching Hospital ‘Staff Round’ is an annual opportunity for all specialties across the trust to discuss important areas of health service provision. Held at the trust on 18th April this year, Professor Sue Mason and Dr Susan Croft, presented CLAHRC and CHC work titled “Challenges in addressing demand in the Urgent and Emergency Care system”. This stimulated some interesting discussion with front line clinicians from across specialties in the trust.
The Upcoming Event HSR UK Conference

The HSR UK Conference is taking place once again in Nottingham on 4th-5th July. CURE has had several abstracts accepted for oral presentation. There are two Emergency Care strands this year and CURE work is filling one of these sessions, which is a great filip for the group. Emma Knowles, Colin O’Keeffe, Fiona Sampson and Sarah Crede complete the clean sweep of Emergency Care 1 strand presenting the findings from the CLOSED, CLAHR and PAIN studies. Suzanne Ablard is presenting from CLAHRC in Emergency Care Strand 2. The full programme can be found here.

Focus On PPI

Sheffield Emergency Care Forum (SECF) quarterly meeting

The latest quarterly meeting agenda was held in April with interesting items, research updates and presentations. Suzanne Ablard presented on a planned study to ask the public to design “The Ideal Urgent and Emergency Care (UEC) System”. Researchers plan to use a focus group approach including four groups of key users of UEC: parents of young children; the 75+ patients; patients with long term conditions; people of working age. SECF members advised on the importance that the diversity of the local population was reflected in recruitment of participants. Members questioned whether this exercise would be of value if a really creative idea, capable of turning the present UEC system upside down, could ever lead to implementation, given the present lack of finance available. It will be interesting to learn whether the participants think “outside the box” in their designs.

Later, one of our medical student members, Adam McDonald, gave a presentation on his recent work with the London Air Ambulance. Adam worked with ambulance teams on the ground using many new techniques at the roadside. During one night shift he assisted with victims of shootings, stabbings and a traumatic head injury patient. This experience should serve him well in his future medical career in the area of trauma.

ShARRP

Members of the Sheffield Addiction Recovery Research Panel (ShARRP) contributed to a commentary ‘Important patient and public (PPI) perspectives on addiction as a reason for performing euthanasia’ which was published in the British Journal of Addiction (to Alcohol & Other Drugs), March 2018, (found here). This was led by CURE researcher Andy Irving, who met with the panel on a number of occasions and described the experiences of three members of the group which were included in the commentary, providing a real example of co-authorship in PPI.

Congratulations

Many congratulations to Maysam Abuldawid who was awarded her doctorate earlier this year for her project: Identification and evaluation of senior emergency physician led triage.

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