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Wednesday May 2nd 2018 (NEW DATE), University of York *Tickets at www.ukimplementation.org.uk*

A day symposium on large scale change initiatives in practice, implementation science, family support, child development and child neglect

Implementation Journeys from the North: *Blending improvement methodologies to improve services for families*



PROGRAMME

9.30 Registration, refreshments, networking

10.00 Welcome from the UK Implementation Society **Deborah Ghate** (Chair of the Trustees)

10.15 Aims of the day and housekeeping **Tracey Bywater**

10.20 *Applying Active Implementation to Achieve Sustainable System Improvement: Learning from Scotland's Intensive Efforts to 'Get it Right for Every Child'* – **Melissa Van Dyke and Fiona Mitchell**

11. 20 Interactive round tables **Melissa Van Dyke and Fiona Mitchell**

12.30-1.15 Lunch and networking

1.15 *Introduction to Bradford Trident, Better Start Initiative and Big Lottery aims, and local community needs: Enhancing child outcomes through implementation of a variety of interventions to support local needs in Better Start Bradford (BSB) areas.* **Gill Thornton**

1.45 *The role of an 'Innovation Hub' in supporting implementation frameworks and the Born in Bradford Better Start new cohort (BiBBS); Successes and challenges to integrating research into system-wide practice - BSB strategies* **Josie Dickerson**

2.15 Interactive round tables *BSB tools to support service design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation* **Josie Dickerson and Nim Dhani**

3pm Refreshment break

3.15 Final questions to the panel of speakers

3.45 Round-up of the day

4pm Close

VENUE AND LOCATION

The venue for the event is **York Science Park, Room YH/001b Lecture Room (Training Suite)** located on the ground floor of the **Research Centre for Social Sciences (ReCSS)**.

The research centre is situated in York Science Park, Campus West, University of York and the address is: **ReCSS, 6 Innovation Close, YO10 5ZF**.

Map: <https://www.york.ac.uk/media/abouttheuniversity/maps/campus-west-map.pdf>

ReCSS is at at map reference F2, building number 65.

Car parks shown on the map are Pay and Display and fill up quickly from 9:00 a.m!

No reserved visitor parking is available.

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More travel information is available at: <https://www.york.ac.uk/about/maps/>



SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



Gill Thornton

Gill is Head of Programme at Better Start Bradford and was Project Manager for the successful £49 million bid to the Big Lottery Fund. She has worked in the voluntary sector for more than 30 years moving from organisation development, community based research and policy and communications to senior management. Gill has a particular interest in pregnancy and early childhood, having chaired women and children special interest groups for the Community Health Council and PCT Consumer Council as well as being an active member of the National Childbirth Trust and an antenatal teacher. In Better Start Bradford Gill is responsible for overseeing effective implementation of the programme. She manages the transformation and change team, communications and engagement; and delivery of the 22 projects. Gill also works with the evaluators including BiB Innovation Hub and the Warwick Consortium on the implementation evaluation.



Josie Dickerson

Josie is the Programme Manager for the Better Start Bradford Innovation Hub. Over the past three years she has focussed on integrating research into healthcare practice including the development of toolkits to support the service design, monitoring and evaluation of health interventions. Josie also oversees the world's first experimental birth cohort: Born in Bradford's Better Start. Josie has a PhD in psychology, and has worked as a research programme manager in applied health research with experience of mixed methods approaches including pragmatic randomised controlled trials, cluster trials, cohort studies and process evaluations. Josie's research interests are in applied health research in vulnerable populations and the implementation and evaluation of complex interventions in community settings.



Nim Dharni

Nimarta is a senior research fellow working on the Implementation and Fidelity work stream in the Better Start Bradford Innovation Hub. Nimarta is a chartered psychologist. She completed a PhD in Health Psychology from King's College London in 2013. Using mixed methods, her PhD explored the role of psychological, demographic and cultural factors in uptake of colorectal cancer screening in an ethnically and socially diverse area of South East London. Following her PhD, Nimarta worked as a research associate at the Manchester Centre for Health Psychology at the University of Manchester. Her research interests focus on implementation science, evaluation of behaviour change interventions, health professional-parent communication, informed choice in cancer and newborn screening, improving access to health services and global health.

Fiona Mitchell

Fiona is Research and Evaluation Lead at the Centre for Excellence for Looked After Children in Scotland. Through use of developmental evaluation and other approaches, Fiona's role is focused on supporting the integration of evidence into the design and delivery of CELCIS programmes of work. She comes to this role following over 15 years of working in research and evaluation related to child and family services, and has experience of working alongside service and practice development embedded within providing organisations. She is also a qualified social worker.



Melissa Van Dyke

Melissa Van Dyke, PhD, comes to the field of implementation after working in statutory services in the United States in the child welfare, children's mental health, and youth justice systems. During her years in state government, Melissa coordinated and led various organizational and state-wide program implementation and system improvement initiatives. In 2005, Melissa joined the National Implementation Research Network (NIRN). During her ten years with NIRN, Melissa provided implementation science expertise while leading and coordinating community, state, and federal initiatives to build organisational and system capacity to fully and effectively implement evidence-based and evidence-informed programs and policies. In August 2015, with support from the Scottish Government, Melissa joined the Centre of Excellence for Looked after Children (CELCIS) at the University of Strathclyde, as the International Expert Advisor on Implementation. Melissa works with key stakeholders to support capacity-building of the health, education, and social care sectors in the areas of improvement and implementation science. In addition, Melissa supports various Scottish Government efforts to transfer policy and legislation into real practice change across Scotland.



Tracey Bywater (Chair)

Tracey is Professor of Family Wellbeing, in the Department of Health Sciences, University of York, and Honorary Professor at Bangor University, and a Trustee of the UK Implementation Society. She is interested in enhancing outcomes around social-emotional wellbeing, behaviour and health, and evaluates complex parent, teacher and child programmes. Tracey's Current work includes Healthy Children Healthy Families Theme - NIHR CLAHRC Yorkshire and Humber; leading on the social emotional development workstream for Better Start Bradford; and leading the ESEE trial - a proportionate universalism evaluation of parent programme delivery.



Deborah Ghate (UK Implementation Society)

Deborah is chair of the Board of Trustees for the UK Implementation Society. She is the chief executive of the Colebrooke Centre for Evidence and Implementation and has been working in applied implementation science since 2008. A former academic, CEO of an implementation support centre in Ireland, and director of a policy research centre in London, she now specialises in child and family services and in research and advisory roles for public service and voluntary organisations, where learning from implementation and improvement science can be brought to bear on service design, delivery and evaluation. She collaborates widely with colleagues across the world.