

Summer Vacation Studentship 2016

The King's Health Partners faculty of healthcare improvement is pleased to launch the 2016 summer studentships. They will support students up to £250 per week for up to four weeks.

This opportunity provides invaluable experience of working with patient safety quality improvement projects and should be of interest to any student who wishes to develop their health profession career in areas related to patient safety and quality improvement within the university and NHS sectors.

Interested students are encouraged to regularly visit the King's Health Partners website to view available projects.

Students will be allocated to projects on a first come first served basis.

Title	Evaluation of referrals to a new staff support service and exploration of team managers' views
Background	<p>The Critical Incident Staff Support (CISS) Service is a pilot of a new trust-wide staff support service. The CISS service provides a group based intervention to teams that have experienced an incident that has the potential to significantly impact the stress levels or mental well-being of staff. Incidents that have been referred to the service include; assault on a staff member, death of a service user and murder of a service user.</p> <p>The Francis Report (2013) identified that there was a need for a culture change within the NHS, prioritising compassionate care. In a mental health setting, distressing events occur often and inadequate support may be contributing to staff burnout and absence. The CISS service provides emotional support to teams of staff following a critical incident at work. This support is delivered in the form of a structured, evidence based group intervention delivered by two trained facilitators.</p> <p>The CISS Service was developed with the aim of ensuring there was fair opportunities for all staff to access evidence based support. This was in response to Psychology & Psychotherapy staff being requested to provide support following incidents, but without having any guidance around this.</p> <p><small>Francis, R. (2013) <i>Report of the Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust Public Inquiry</i>. London: The Stationery office.</small></p>
Aims of the project	Students will work on a smaller project within the CISS service that aims to examine trends in incidents of violence that involve a service user's physical health, identify teams who experience frequent low level incidents and explore team managers' views of the impact of receiving a CISS session.
Objectives	Students will focus on one or several of the following:

(e.g. Assess prevalence of smoking in medical school and submit for publication based on success of project)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To analyse data relating to incidents of violence that have been referred to the CISS service which involve service users' physical health • To analyse data from teams that have submitted multiple referrals to the CISS service regarding incidents that do not meet the threshold of the CISS service • To gather and analyse qualitative data from team managers who have received a CISS session. 			
Skills to be acquired (e.g. Data analysis, ELISA, PCR, Literature review, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data analysis skills including; extracting relevant data from a large data set and selecting appropriate methods of data analysis and presentation • To assist with conducting qualitative research with managers of teams who have received a CISS session (focus groups and/or semi-structured interviews) • Assist with transcription of focus groups/interviews • To identify suitable qualitative analysis techniques to be used with different data forms (e.g. content analysis, thematic analysis, interpretative phenomenological analysis) and apply these to the data • Experience of working in a corporate psychology team 			
Project Type (Please mark with "X")	Audit ()	Lab based ()	Review ()	Other (X) SERVICE EVALUATION
Start Date and expected duration of the project	<p>The CISS pilot is running from November 2015 to March 2017.</p> <p>The student project to be run for 4 weeks anytime from June to September 2016.</p>			
Project Description and Supervisor Contact Details	<p>The project has three discrete components. Firstly, increasing the service's understanding of referred incidents of violence referred where the service user's physical health needs were involve. This information can be used to inform the trust's violence prevention strategy.</p> <p>Secondly, identifying teams who experience multiple incidents that do not meet the threshold of a CISS session will help the service identify a new type of potential referral, ensuring the service is accessible to staff who experience different types of critical incidents.</p> <p>Finally, the project will also explore the opinions of the team managers, enabling the service to adapt to the needs of the teams using it.</p>			