

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.

Please fill in the fields below and send the form to educationacademy@kcl.ac.uk. Students will be able to see the project entry on the King’s Health Partners website (www.kingshealthpartners.org).

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

Thank you for supporting the King’s Health Partners faculty of healthcare improvement summer vacation studentships.

Title	Do mental health services create homelessness?
Background	<p>Our mental health outreach team for homeless people is seeing a substantial proportion of our homeless referrals as being for people who have previously been patients of the local mental health trust.</p> <p>This seems somewhat scandalous as mental health interventions are supposed to help people to maintain their position and do be able to develop their lives, rather than return them to a situation of social exclusion.</p> <p>In these times of financial stringency, these findings can be used to support the existence of a specialist service such as our own. This was the case last year – but is it still so?</p>
Aims of the project	To establish what proportion of our current referrals are ex-patients of our our local psychiatric services – and what has been their contact with other mental health services.
Objectives (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 establish, for a 6 month period of referrals, what proportion have had prior contact with either SLAM services or other mental health services. To establish the intensity of their previous contact with services.
Skills to be acquired (e.g. Data analysis, ELISA, PCR, Literature review, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Database interrogation Development of a suitable database query for routine use in the future. Data analysis.

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Project Type (Please mark with "X")	Audit ()	Lab based ()	Review ()	Other (X)
Start Date and expected duration of the project	1st August for 4 weeks			
Project Description and Supervisor Contact Details	<p>This project can be done by one student.</p> <p>With support from the team Consultant Psychiatrist and ST doctor the student will learn to use our electronic record system, with training in information governance and patient confidentiality.</p> <p>They will identify the last 6 months of referrals and manually search the database to identify referrals past contacts with psychiatric services. They will use an existing data frame.</p> <p>Most of the work will be a manual interrogation of the electronic record system.</p> <p>The consultant psychiatrist will support the student to construct a database query that could be used regularly to allow electronic rather than manual gathering.</p> <p>This tranche of data will then be compared with last year's data, with the potential for publication.</p>			