

## 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](mailto:educationacademy@kcl.ac.uk). Students will be able to see the project entry on the King’s Health Partners website ([www.kingshealthpartners.org](http://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.

<b>Title</b>	<b>What is the outcome of detaining people in hospital from the street?</b>
<b>Background</b>	<p>The START Team is a mental health outreach team for homeless people with psychotic disorders. It works across 3 London Boroughs in close collaboration with a range of voluntary sector agencies such as St Mungo’s and Thamesreach.</p> <p>Over the last 5 years the team’s work has been focussed on the street-sleeping population. Many people with schizophrenia in this position have refused help from multiple agencies over a prolonged period of time.</p> <p>It appears that the only way to realistically help them is to detain them for hospital treatment using the Mental Health Act – but does it actually help?</p> <p>We have established 1 year outcomes with a limited set of assessments and admissions but need to both extend the number of patient episodes covered and, ideally, extend the follow up period to 2 years.</p>
<b>Aims of the project</b>	To establish, for people detained in hospital from the street, proxy outcomes in terms of accommodation status, contact with CMHTs and medication adherence.
<b>Objectives</b> (e.g. Assess prevalence of smoking in medical school and submit for publication based on	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To establish, for a different sample of assessments, their proxy outcomes at 1 year- and 2 years, if possible.</li> <li>To establish whether there are any other simple outcome measures that could be elicited from our electronic record.</li> </ul>

success of project)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To construct a database query that could be used regularly to allow electronic rather than manual gathering of the data.</li> </ul>			
<b>Skills to be acquired</b> (e.g. Data analysis, ELISA, PCR, Literature review, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Database interrogation</li> <li>Development of a suitable database query for routine use in the future.</li> <li>Presentation of data</li> </ul>			
<b>Project Type</b> (Please mark with "X")	Audit ( )	Lab based ( )	Review ( )	Other ( X )
<b>Start Date and expected duration of the project</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> August for 4 weeks</b>			
<b>Project Description and Supervisor Contact Details</b>	<p>The project can be done by one student.</p> <p>The student will be trained to use the electronic patient record system, including training in information governance and patient confidentiality.</p> <p>The student will be acquainted with a framework for gathering such data that we have previously used.</p> <p>With support from the team Consultant Psychiatrist and ST doctor the student will use the team list of MHA assessments to establish the study sample and then to assess their status at 1 -2 2- years after admission to hospital.</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 of the data.</p> <p>The student will present their findings to the clinical team at the end of the placement.</p>			