



Y&H Public Health **P**ractice and **R**esearch
Collaborative (“the PaRC”)

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PaRC - A regional public health research hub

- Set up in 2019 in response to recommendation from AMS report “Health of the Public 2040” for “regional PH research hubs”
- Main aim was to bridge the research into practice gap and link academic institutions with local authority based public health practitioners
- Y&H already had network of 15 LA public health research links (the LARks) and leads identified for 12 YH universities
- Aligned with Y&H public health priorities: Inclusive economies, Climate change, Children and young people
- Supported by PHE and resourced by small grants from YH CLAHRC, YH CRN and YH ADPH

Key Objectives for the Y&H PaRC

- **Knowledge mobilisation** – supporting development and implementation of evidence-informed public health policy and practice across the region
- **Research activity** – attracting more national funding and collaboration, including funding for infrastructure and capacity development

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- information sharing, networking, match-matching, providing advice and support

Opportunities for developing our capacity for practice-based research

- Academic input to **Communities of Interest** and core workstreams/fellowships
- Research and knowledge mobilisation **training/CPD/short courses** for workforce development
- **PhD, Masters and undergraduate** placements, secondments and student projects in LA settings

Opportunities for delivering more practice-based public health research in Y&H

- **NIHR PHIRST** - Direct access to UK-wide public health research teams to undertake co-produced evaluations with LAs. - **4 Y&H LAs** working with academic teams led from London, Hertfordshire, Newcastle, Sheffield
- **NIHR HDRC call** – Funding for LA research infrastructure in collaboration with local universities – **2 in Y&H already; current call for 2023 round**
- **NIHR SPHR** – Nine national academic partners funded for a 5 year programme closely aligned with LA priorities (**Healthy Places, Healthy Planet; Inequalities; Children & Families; Public Mental Health**)
- **NIHR fellowships (PLAF & DLAF) and placements (SPARC) for LA staff** – creating research career pathways for LA/VCSE practitioners

Learning from PaRC development

1. Continually will need to **revisit and revise** structures and processes
 - Advisory Group and Management Group
 - Leadership and membership
2. Value of **horizon scanning** – anticipating new opportunities, new developments, changing priorities
3. Importance of pre-existing working relationships and **network building**

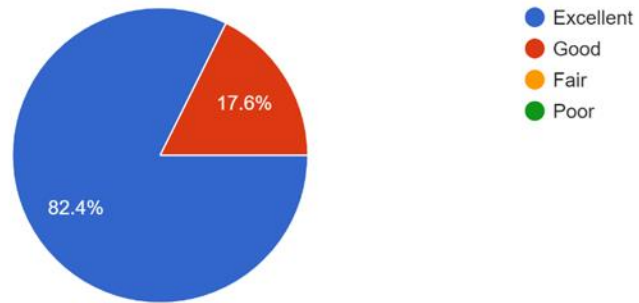
Reflections from PaRC Research Into Practice Event 31.1.23.

- Resource from ScHARR Research Development Funding
- Central Leeds location
- 61 sign ups (maximum 65 budgeted for), 44 attendees on the day
- Mix of organisations - Local Authorities, UKHSA, NHS, CRN, Universities
- Dissemination 2 x PHIRST team evaluations (Local Authority and Academic partner)
- Example of PaRC 'dating agency' - University of Huddersfield/City of Doncaster Council
- NIHR Health Determinants Research Collaboration (Doncaster)
- Local Authority Research Links (LARK) network showcase
- NIHR RDS
- NIHR CRN

Feedback

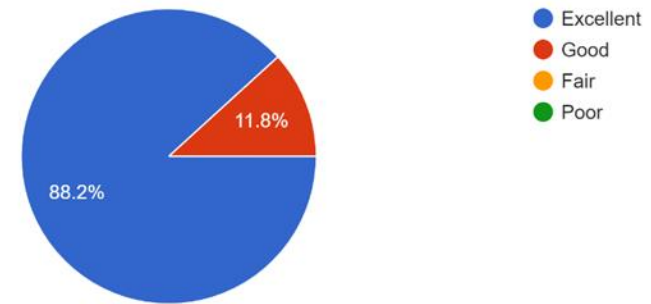
How did the event compare to your expectations?

17 responses



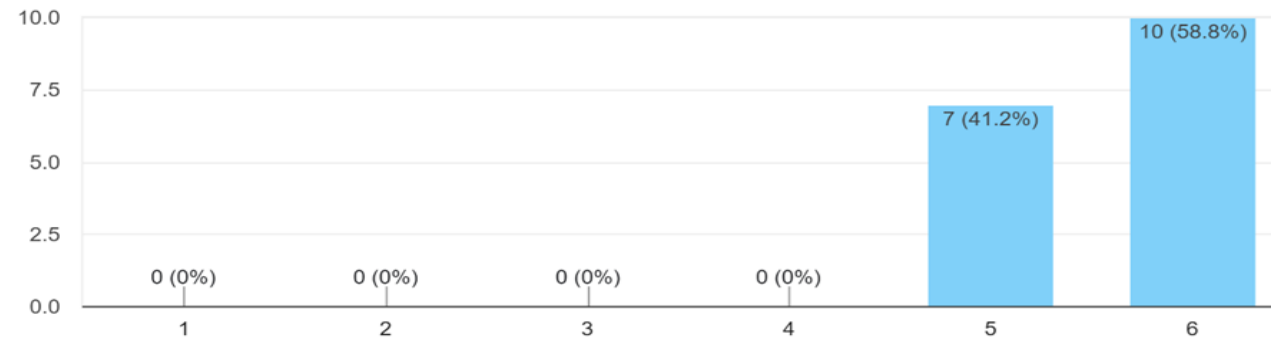
Please rate the content of the event overall

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How relevant and helpful do you think it was to your role?

17 responses



What could be improved

- A larger event with opportunities so more people could attend
- Could be a bi annual event
- More frequent events with speakers from a wider range of areas
- More opportunities for group discussion
- More opportunity for interaction and discussion
- Include more opportunity for people to link up - more networking

Key take home messages

- I can do research
- Understanding different NIHR funding streams and avenues for NIHR support
- The variety of work going on and applying this to their own work
- Things are moving in the right direction and it is exciting
- My research team should definitely put more effort into collaborating with Local Authorities
- Lots of new connections made and existing ones built upon
- The importance of critical friends and asking why
- Greater understanding of how to be a research active practitioner
- Benefits of Public Health Intervention Responsive Studies Teams (PHIRST).