

NIHR Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care (CLAHRC) for the North West Coast (NWC)

Terms of Reference for the Claremont NFL CLAHRC NWC Local Oversight Group

November 2015

“Resilient systems are those that take action to enhance the personal and collective capacity of citizens and institutions to respond to and influence the course of social, economic and environmental change.”

Claremont is part of a wider network of Neighbourhoods for Learning (NFL) identified by CLAHRC NWC’s Local Authorities. It is a ward in the borough of Blackpool. The main goal of the NFL is to work collectively with local people and organisations, as well as CLAHRC professionals, to develop the community’s ability to respond to, and influence the social, economic and environmental factors that generate health inequalities.

Aims & Objectives of the Local Oversight Group

The Local Implementation Group (LOG) shall be a ‘working group’ of the NFL. The main purpose of the LOG is to further the objectives of the CLAHRC NWC to integrate health and health equity goals into local policies and interventions that focus on the wider social determinants of health inequalities.

To accomplish the objectives of CLAHRC NWC, the LOG will act as the main communication channel between the CLAHRC, the COREN organisation (which is Claremont First Steps), the Ward of Claremont and Blackpool Council.

In addition, the LOG will provide support and advise on:

1. Developing and implementing resilience initiatives in Claremont
2. Supporting Claremont First Steps:
 - To develop strategies to recruit and support a cadre of NFL residents to operate as CLAHRC Resident Advisers in their neighbourhoods
 - To ensure that the COREN has strategies to engage residents as advisers, which is as inclusive as possible

NIHR Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care (CLAHRC) for the North West Coast (NWC)

- To support the development of strategies to ensure engagement over the long term
 - To engage residents and advisers in deciding future review programs
 - To engage residents as advisers in development and evaluation of the resilience initiative
3. Identify and engage residents and stakeholders to be part of the LOG
 4. Supporting the Public Health theme to communicate effectively with the COREN organisation and with the NFL more widely.

THIS IS NOT AN INVESTMENT PROGRAMME. THIS IS APPLIED RESEARCH AND EVALUATION TO ESTABLISH HOW EXISTING RESILIENCE RELATED POLICY AND ACTIVITY CAN BE USED TO MAXIMISE POSITIVE IMPACT.

Membership

It is expected that the LOG comprises members from all key statutory, voluntary and private sector organisations that have a role and influence on the aims and objectives of the research work.

Formal partners in the CLAHRC for Blackpool are Blackpool Council, Claremont First Steps and Blackpool Acute Trust.

We would wish to as inclusive as possible with the expectation that partners from a wide range of sectors and areas of work would be willing and able to join the group. The only proviso is that they operate within the NFL.

Partners may include various voluntary, community and faith sector organisations, NHS, Police, Fire, Housing Associations, local employers.

Frequency

Meetings will take place every 8 – 10 weeks and be held at Claremont First Steps Community Centre or appropriate alternative premises within the NFL.

Chair

To be decided once the membership of the LOG has been agreed.

Accountability

The group is accountable to CLAHRC NWC, with links and appropriate progress reports made to the Public Health Thematic Group via Blackpool Council representation.

NIHR Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care (CLAHRC) for the North West Coast (NWC)

Representatives on the LOG must ensure reporting to the organisations that they are representing in order to ensure appropriate accountability.

Linkages

It is essential that the group links the other CLAHRC NWC thematic groups and local work streams that have the potential to influence and impact on the NFL.

Examples of this may include:

- Blackpool Council, including the transience project
- Fairness Commission
- Blackpool CCG Vanguard, Enhanced Primary Care
- Better Start
- Headstart
- Housing Providers
- Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector
- Schools & Colleges
- Youth Work
- Substance Misuse Agencies
- Police Early Intervention team

Review

Membership and terms of reference will be reviewed in January 2017.

Outcomes

This phase of CLAHRC NWC funding is for 5 years, with work due to be completed by the end of 2018*.

An essential element of this work stream is the opportunity to build community capacity within the work programme by recruiting, training and supporting local residents to become community researchers.

* End date may vary across documents because the programme was extended.