



Integrated Care Case Studies

Purpose

Integrated Care Case Studies aim to share learning from the development and/or implementation of an innovation related to integrated care.

Focus

The innovation could relate to the creation and evaluation of innovative practices which seek to improve integrated care, or innovative approaches to implementing recognised best practices. The learning could relate to what did not work, as well as those elements which were more successful but must be of potential interest to those based within other countries.

Content

Integrated Care Cases should include –

- a convincing argument as to why this practice / implementation is innovative and of interest to an international audience (whilst a formal literature review is not required this is likely to require connecting with previous evidence)
- a concise overview of the context in which it is being developed and / or implemented and its main aims
- a detailed description of what the practice / implementation involved, and the assumptions that lay behind this
- a clear statement as to the role of the authors in relation to the practice / implementation
- an evaluation of the extent to which the practice / implementation has achieved its aims (this does not have to be as methodologically rigorous as a research and theory article but the methods and their limitations must be included)
- a clear statement how the programme/intervention/activity has led to an impact on the target population and how this was measured
- a discussion of the main learning that can be taken from the practice / implementation, including how the impact could be improved in the future
- a commentary or suggestion on further studies should also be offered, and a suggestion on how such a practice / implementation could be scaled up and spread.
- a list of references, also including relevant policy and strategic documents

Suggested structure

Abstract (Introduction/Description/Discussion/Conclusion) (200 words)

Key words (3-6)

Introduction (comprising background and problem statement)

Ethical approval, if appropriate

Description of the care practice (including approach used for development/implementation/evaluation)

Discussion (setting into international and evidence context)

Lessons learned (separate for policy and practice, if appropriate) (up to 5 bullet points or box)

Conclusion

Acknowledgements, if any

References

Length

Up to 5,000 words (excluding abstract and key words)