



Perspective Papers

Purpose

There are many people leading, or associated with, integrated care innovations who have built up a lot of personal knowledge on the challenges and solutions to designing, developing and implementing integrated care. However, much of the learning from such expert opinion is not captured and, as a result, important pieces of colloquial evidence are lost. The 'perspective' section of IJiC seeks to capture this evidence.

Focus

The aim of the perspective paper is for the author to describe their personal experiences and observations on the process of integrated care and to outline the lessons to be learned. The paper should support the development of key insights and ideas that could be taken forward to inform those seeking to implement similar approaches.

Content

A perspective paper should include -

- the context, aims and objectives of a key process or aspect of integrated care
- the nature and role of the author in supporting or influencing care integration
- a short description of the innovation, policy or study in which they are involved or have expert knowledge
- a reflection section that considers the various issues involved in the process of integrated care
- a conclusion that examines the key lessons and insights that can be learned
- a list of key references, including to local documentation, where relevant and available
- It will be important for authors to justify the reasons for their observations and to provide a critical assessment of the issues under discussion.

Suggested structure

Abstract (one paragraph summary, 100 words)

Key words (3-6 words)

Context and aim

Brief Description of topic at hand

Discussion and reflection

Conclusion and recommendations

References

Length

Up to 1,500 words (excluding abstract and key words)