



Policy Analysis Papers

Purpose

Policy Analysis Papers aim to provide learning from the development and / or implementation of regional or national policies relating to integrated care.

Focus

The policy must have a clear connection to integrated care and have contemporary relevance. The learning could relate to what did not work with regards to this policy, as well as those elements which were more successful but must be of potential interest to those based within other countries.

Content

Policy Analysis Papers should include -

- a convincing argument as to how the policy is connected with achieving integrated care and of interest to an international audience
- a concise overview of the national and regional context in which the policy is situated
- a critical account of the background, rationale, expectations and impact of the policy
- a clear description of the evidence that is being used to critique the policy and its limitations (this could include documentary analysis, secondary data, interviews with stakeholders, observation of key forums)
- a discussion of the main learning that other countries can take in relation to the development and implementation of policies with similar aspirations
- a clearly stated summary or description of why the policy in question is important, and how the policy analysis would be of impact to a specific population or group of patients / individuals
- a list of references, also including relevant policy documents

Suggested structure

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

Key words (3-6 words)

Introduction (comprising background and aims of the analysis)

Description of the policy 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)