

# Academy of Public Health (London and South East) News Bulletin January 2017

Welcome to the second edition of the Academy of Public Health (London and South East) News Bulletin. Read on for an update of what has been happening since the establishment of the Academy.

## Academy Steering group member in focus:



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## Long Term Work

**Streams** The Academy Steering group met on Wednesday 14th December to discuss longer term priorities.

Areas of discussion included health inequalities, building a programme to support getting prevention up the agenda of STPs, practitioner development, and building on good practice by identifying exemplars and rolling out

across a wider area. There is strong interest in the industrialisation of Making Every Contact Count (MECC) and motivational interviewing or health coaching. We also want to build on existing programmes developing systems leadership across London and the Southeast. An investment plan is being drawn up and will be featured in the next bulletin.

## Workforce Transformation for Prevention

On 29th November the Academy held a successful event that was attended by 28 delegates from across all 8 London and KSS Sustainability Transformation Plan footprints.

The objectives were to:

- Offer an opportunity to those charged with delivering plans to reflect how they can make prevention a reality through developing their staff
- Start developing a prevention call to action based on local workforce priorities and challenges
- Network and share learning.

Delegates went away enthused to ensure prevention is embedded throughout STP work streams.

## Thinking Prevention for Other Disciplines

A report commissioned by the Academy found that the existing offers are patchy and there are few sustainable or scalable models. We will commission a programme comprising:

A framework of knowledge/skills including:

- Working across organisational cultures on shared priorities

- Understanding how different disciplines/organisations use language differently and communicating effectively across organisations/systems

- Using levers to collaborate to make things happen
- Place-based leadership skills

- E-learning with multiple access routes, blended with local multidisciplinary/cross-organisation workshop delivery methodology

- Training for facilitators from local organisations – a ‘school’ of facilitators

- Case studies/examples based on different approaches, e.g. from a ‘health’ perspective or a ‘town planning’ perspective

- Linked to whole systems leadership

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