

Introducing EMERALD...

Our new study, EMERALD (funded by the National Institute for Health Research), started on 1st September 2017. This two-year study will develop knowledge on how severe mental illness and other risk factors combine to generate high diabetes prevalence and poor diabetes outcomes, and how the quality and quantity of healthcare services and interventions can impact on these risk factors.

This study combines the analysis of patient primary care health records with in-depth interviews with people with SMI and diabetes, their relatives or friends who provide support, and healthcare staff who provide care for this patient group.

To read more about EMERALD visit our project page at: <https://www.journalslibrary.nihr.ac.uk/programmes/hsdr/157026/#>



**Diabetes and Mental Illness:
Improving Outcomes and
Services**

This research will increase knowledge about severe mental illness (SMI) and diabetes, with an aim to improve health services and outcomes.

To find out more, contact Sue Bellass at sue.bellass@york.ac.uk

A warm welcome to...

Three new members of staff have recently joined the DIAMONDS team. Lynne Bainbridge is our new Project Administrator; Lu Han and Sue Bellass are the two Research Fellows who will be working on EMERALD. Sue also takes over management of the wider DIAMONDS Consortium.

Celebration event

On the 4th September 2017 we held our celebration event for the **DIAMONDS VOICE** PPI panel. This was a chance for our researchers to update the panel on studies they have advised on through a series of presentations. More details about the event can be found here:

<http://www.diamonds.nihr.ac.uk/diamonds-ppi/news>

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New members for PPI panel needed

We are still looking for service users and relatives or friends who support them to join **DIAMONDS VOICE**. The panel helps to prioritise areas for research and provides advice on our work.

Service users must have an enduring mental illness like schizophrenia or bipolar disorder AND a chronic physical health condition like diabetes, chronic lung disease or heart disease. Relatives or friends are also very welcome. Meetings are usually in the Leeds/Bradford area and are friendly and informal. No previous experience of research is necessary.

For more details contact co-ordinator Angie Ross at ppihealthresearch@gmail.com

In the next issue...

...we'll be talking about our new research study which will explore diabetes self-management in people with severe mental illness.