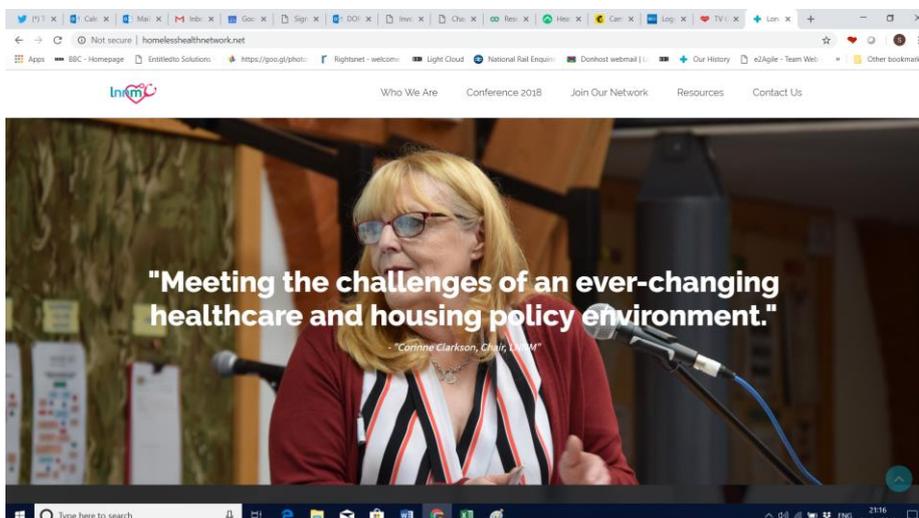


London Network of Nurses and Midwives Homelessness Group – Achievements in 2018

- **4 UCL Inclusion Health masters module courses undertaken** Apr – June 2018 by LNNM network members Corinne Clarkson, Yasmin Appleby, Gabrielle Bleindorn and Clare Joels. This was funded by London Homeless Health Programme in response to our LNNM business plan, delivered Jan 2018. Opportunity to undertake module advertised by email and twitter in February. Applications received. Applications assessed, and decision made by Jane Cook, Clinical Lead, London Homeless Health Programme and Dr Zana Khan, course lead for the module. All network members passed, and Corinne had proceeded on the Masters programme. Cost to LHHP £2,400. (We were given 4 places for 3 after negotiation with UCL).
- **Certificated CPD** delivered at network meetings by Shelter (23 attendees), Blenheim CDP (11 attendees), and Groundswell (13 attendees) funded by London Homeless Health Programme in response to our LNNM business plan, delivered Jan 2018. CPD sourced and booked by team, and promoted by email and twitter. Cost to LHHP £1800 – paid up front
- **CPD booked** for 2019 to be delivered by the Whittington Respiratory team and EASL funded by London Homeless Health Programme. Cost to LHHP £800 – paid up front
- **Production of official logo** – Sourcing designer and worked with designer on idea and final design. Completed Feb 2018 – cost £250



- **Revamp of website** – Revamp included sourcing a designer, working with designer to come up with a new design, and then creating a considerable amount of new content. New site was launched April 2018 – cost £750



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Number of hits this year:

- **Increased use of twitter** - Currently 865 followers, 338 new followers this year



- **Regular emails sent out** regarding events, job opportunities, consultations etc on request of members and 3rd parties. Consent process worked out for Mailchimp to be GDPR compliant. List cleaned. Currently 186 active members, with around 25-30% opening each email.
- **Delivery of 5th conference** – On Friday 12th October 2018 the LNNM ran its fifth one-day conference for 253 attendees entitled ‘Still Discharging to the Streets’. The conference was run by volunteer members of the LNNM group, and co-produced with Groundswell. Food was provided by Munch - a Social Enterprise that supports homeless women. Entertainment was provided by the Choir with No Name. Attendees included 82 nurses / midwives and health visitors, 11 doctors, 16 allied health professionals, 22 senior service managers / policy leads / charity directors, 47 hostel, outreach, addictions service, advice service or other voluntary sector workers, 27 peer workers and/or experts by experience, 9 medical, nursing, and allied professional students, and 1 journalist. The event was sponsored by the London Housing Foundation (£5,000). The £5,000 was supplemented by ticket sales, sold via Eventbrite. Comments about the event included: ‘a really welcoming and friendly environment like no other conference I have been’ ‘the atmosphere was nice, and the event ran smoothly’ ‘I think a lot of bigger organizations could learn a lot from this conference’.

An event report has been released.

A report of the discussion groups is expected to be published in March 2019.



- **Registration completed to become a Charitable Incorporated Organization.** This has taken a considerable amount of time, and has been supported with advice provided by a Management Consultant from the London Housing Foundation. The application was submitted in Dec 2018. Preparation to submit included forming a Board, consulting the network regarding the objects for the charity, generating formal accounts, getting permission from the NMC and Companies House, and agreeing answers to all relevant questions.
- **Nursing Standard journal article accepted due for publication Jan 2019 (already published on-line)** 'Meeting the healthcare needs of people experiencing homelessness'. This article focuses on street outreach, and is written by a collaboration of LNNM members.
- **Continuation of bi-monthly network meetings** running simultaneously with CPD. N.B. Birthrights researcher Rebecca Brione presented to the network in Jan 2018, and we have supported her work since, by helping her source research participants, and hosting resources on our site.
- **Ad hoc informal support** to members from within the membership.
- **Response to consultations / research** – The network has responded in detail to consultations e.g. safeguarding guidance for rough sleepers, refresh of London Housing Foundation Atlas, Liberty investigation into NHS / Home Office data sharing, impact of NHS charging on vulnerable migrants. Members have been interviewed for research projects via the network.
- **Approach to pharmaceutical companies** – 15 pharmaceutical companies have been approached regarding being involved in future conferences, by paying a small amount to provide a stall, and/or other sponsorship. Unfortunately, none responded, and this needs to be followed up.

- **CPD needs assessment undertaken**
- **Project ideas currently being developed:**
 - Refresh of hospital discharge guidance
 - Possible street outreach guidance (led by Rosa Ungpakorn and Katie Baxter)
 - Possible tissue viability guidance (led by Dr Jemell Geraghty, Kendra Schneller)
- **Bid to London Housing Foundation Andy Ludlow fund** submitted but turned down. This focused on developing the ability of the network to provide CPD, and could be used again.

FUNDING

Most of the time required to support these activities is undertaken in a small number of core member's free time. Some of the organisations employing these individuals also allow some of the organisation to be done in work time.

Funding obtained this year:

- £2400 + £2600 from London Homeless Health Programme for CPD
- £8000 from Burdett Trust for Nurses for network development. This money went to the LNNM Secretary via the Pathway charity. Pathway took £800 as a management fee, and then paid LNNM Secretary as a private contract £600 a month for a year to cover 0.5 days a week. (Tax, NI and pension extra needs to be paid from this). 0.5 days a week is 3.75 hours (182 hours). A timesheet has been kept and the Secretary had actually delivered 5.7 hours a week (296 hours). However, this is still really not enough to undertake all the work that is required.