Entry Form: LARIA Research Impact Awards 2014

Good luck in entering the LARIA Research Impact Awards 2014. These awards aim to showcase the impact research has at a local level.

**Can I apply?**

The key criteria are that award winners should show us excellence in research that is making a real difference to the people they serve. The awards focus on research impact based on a sound evidence base. We will also be looking for entries that are demonstrating citizen/user involvement/engagement, partnership working, delivering positive outcomes, achieving efficiencies, and embracing innovation.

All entries must include at least one LARIA corporate member and a public sector body. Entry is free to all LARIA corporate members. If you are not a member please join (it only costs £80) or pay a separate £80 fee to enter the awards.

**What’s in it for you?**

LARIA strongly supports the awards to showcase how local researchers help public sector organisations make evidence based decisions. By entering these awards we hope you will be able to identify how your work makes an impact. It is a good exercise in itself to consider the questions we ask and we would encourage you to discuss your entry with your team and within your organisation and with partners. If shortlisted, and hopefully as a winner, you will be showcased as demonstrating best practice in our sector. This will raise your profile both within your organisation and externally. We also plan to publish winning submissions so you will be helping the sector by sharing best practice. An award will also demonstrate that your organisation values evidence-based decision-making and research that makes a real impact.

**How to apply**

* Download this Word document onto your computer and save your responses directly onto this form.
* Please use one form per entry
* Please return to Nicola at admin@laria.gov.uk by **11am Mon 17th March 2014.**

The shortlist will be published in early April and awards will be presented at the LARIA Annual Conference dinner on 13th May 2014.

We look forward to hearing from you and good luck.

Neil Wholey

Chair

LARIA

Award Categories

**A: Best use of local area research - Sponsored by Opinion Research Services (ORS)**

To win this award the successful entrant will show how their research has led to a greater understanding of a local area or an issue that is locally important. This could be based on primary or secondary data analysis. Not only that, but they must also show that this has led to evidence-based decision-making within at least one public sector body. Judges will be looking for submissions that show a well argued methodology, clear reporting of the findings and impact. Ideally the winner will also show strong partnership working, citizen/user involvement/engagement, innovation, and the outcomes that have been achieved locally.

**B: Best use of health research – Sponsored by HeRC (Health eResearch Centre)**

To win this award the successful entrant will show how their research has led to a greater understanding of a health issue. This could be based on primary or secondary data analysis. Not only that, but they must also show that this has led to evidence-based decision-making within the health sector. Judges will be looking for submissions that show a well argued methodology, clear reporting of the findings and impact. Ideally the winner will also show strong partnership working, citizen/user involvement/engagement, innovation, and the outcomes that have been achieved locally.

**C: Best community engagement/consultation - Sponsored by the LGA (Local Government Association)**

To win this award the successful entrant will show how they have successfully engaged with a local community. Not only that, but they must also show that this has led to evidence-based decision-making within at least one public sector body. Judges will be looking for submissions that show a well argued and engaging methodology, clear reporting of the findings and impact. The entry could include a range of techniques, such as public opinion or employee surveys, but they must be shown to have engaged a local community. Ideally the winner will also show strong partnership working, citizen/user involvement/engagement, innovation, and the outcomes that have been achieved locally.

**D: Best use of public data**

To win this award the successful entrant will show how they have used secondary analysis of publically available data to lead to a greater understanding of a local area, community or health issue. This could include official statistics such as census, health, economy, labour market or any other publically available datasets such as public opinion, transparency or financial data. Not only that but they must also show that this has led to evidence-based decision-making within the public sector. Judges will be looking for submissions that show a well argued methodology, clear reporting of the findings and data visualisation and real impact. Ideally the winner will also show strong partnership working, citizen/user involvement/engagement, innovation and the outcomes that have been achieved locally.

**E: New researcher of the year**

This award is given to a researcher with under three years of employment in a research field who has made an impact. This could be a person of any age. The entry could be based on a particular project they have led, an innovation they have pioneered or a particularly strong skill set. Their career to date should show a researcher who is able to conduct research that provides insightful analysis, promotes citizen/user involvement/engagement, presents information well, and helps develop evidence-based decision-making in the public sector. The researcher cannot nominate themselves for this award.

**About the organisation or organisations who are entering**

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| **Name of organisation(s) entering the award** (as it will appear in any published document) | Lancashire County Council |
| **Are you a public sector body?** (delete as applicable) | Yes |
| **Corporate LARIA member number** | Enter number: 1396 |
| **Do you agree to us publishing your award entry in full if you are shortlisted?** | Yes |

**Your contact details**

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| Name | Gemma Jones |
| **Job title** | JSNA Manager |
| **Organisation** | Lancashire County Council |
| **LARIA Member** (only LARIA members can enter awards) | Corporate |
| **Email address** |  |
| **Tel number** |  |
| **In providing your contact details you are confirming that you take full responsibility for your award entry and have obtained all necessary permissions from the organisations you are submitting on behalf of before submitting this application** | |

**Your entry (awards A-D)**

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| **Category you are entering** | B |
| **Name of your entry** (as it will appear in any published document) | Long-term conditions in Lancashire: a joint strategic needs assessment (JSNA) |
| **Summary of your entry**  ***Word limit***  ***(200 words)*** | This JSNA investigated the needs and assets of Lancashire's citizens in terms of what the World Health Organization (WHO) has identified as the four main types of preventable long-term conditions:   * cancers; * cardiovascular diseases; * chronic respiratory diseases; and * diabetes.   These conditions are extremely costly to NHS and the local economy.  The assessment combined a number of pieces of work, which included:   * a scoping event with stakeholders from the public, private and third sectors; * a review of national/local drivers; * a review of national/international literature to identify the nature and extent of the problem, its determinants and its personal, family and societal impacts; * analysis and interpretation of both primary and secondary data from a variety of sources, grouped into four main categories: determinants, burden (morbidity, mortality and unscheduled care), support services, end of life and assets; * mapping adult social care services; * a presentation of the key findings and prioritisation workshop with the reference group to identify the main priorities for long-term conditions in Lancashire; * a review of existing national/international literature, guidelines and best practice evidence to produce of a set of strategic recommendations to address priority issues.   The findings and recommendations have been used directly to inform policy and service redesign. |
| **Wow factor**  Give us the most important lesson learned, fact discovered or observation made within your entry  ***Word limit***  ***(50 words)*** | We worked with Lancashire LINk (now Healthwatch Lancashire) and Lancaster University to analyse over 500 service user and carer stories describing what is important to them about their health and care. The findings gave us a much greater understanding of needs, experiences and assets and helped us shaped our recommendations. |
| **Synopsis**  How does your entry meet the criteria for this award?  What were the objectives and what impact did you have?  How did you show partnership working, citizen/user involvement/engagement and innovation?  ***Word limit***  ***(500 words)*** | Tackling long-term conditions is recognised as a priority within the NHS Mandate and through the NHS Outcomes Framework. More broadly, the Public Health and Adult Social Care Outcomes Frameworks also play a major role in the prevention of chronic ill health and supporting people with care needs. This JSNA set out to provide commissioners in Lancashire with intelligence on long-term conditions that would help them deliver against these priorities and inform the future shaping and delivery of care for people with LTCs, leading to better population health, enhanced service user experience and improved value for money.  This project followed the tried and tested JSNA process used in Lancashire. This is now very familiar to our partner organisations. They know what to expect and how they will be involved, which aids smooth progress and timely delivery.  As always, partnership working was a strong component in this JSNA. The reference group for this project was made up of partners from the public, primary and third sectors. This group came together initially at a scoping event to decide how the project should be delivered, what the outputs would be and what the intelligence would be used to inform. The project group was also a multi-disciplinary group consisting of analysts, intelligence leads, local authority officers, public health consultants and coordinators, and academics. Throughout the duration of the project, the reference group received regular electronic updates on progress via our website and email, and were brought back together towards the end of the project for a presentation of the key issues and a workshop where they decided what the priorities for action should be. We have always found that this engagement of stakeholders throughout the process provides them with a strong sense of ownership of the final product.  The main innovation for this JSNA was working with Lancashire LINk and Lancaster University to gain insight from service users and carers on the things that are important to them, the impact of long-term conditions, their views of services and their suggestions for improvements to systems and services. This was done following a review of best practice by the Department of Health for engaging the public in the JSNA process and it led to a much greater understanding of the long-term conditions from the point of view of those affected by them.  The recommendations in the main Lancashire-level JSNA report were based on a review of sound evidence about what works to address the priority issues identified by the reference group following consultation with them about the key findings. These recommendations havel be used by the three health and wellbeing boards across the Lancashire sub-region to inform their strategies. The local summary documents for clinical commissioning groups (CCG) have been used to shape the eight CCG commissioning plans throughout Lancashire. The local summary report for Preston was used by Preston's Healthy City Partnership to support its on-going work to achieve the World Health Organization's Healthy City status. |
| **What should LARIA members learn from your award entry?**  ***Word limit***  ***(200 words)*** | LARIA members can learn from our positive experience of working with the Local Involvement Network (now Healthwatch). How to engage the public in the JSNA process is something of conundrum for many authorities. Our experience has shown not only that this can be easy to achieve but that it can add a vast amount of much needed intelligence about the views of the people who really matter, the service users and carers themselves, to the mix. This stops us from looking at health issues from organisational perspectives alone.  In particular, we learnt that people were keen for long-term conditions services to be better integrated. Fragmented services present a significant burden on patients and carers' time and finances and many felt that a more integrated approach would not only improve their care but their general wellbeing. Further research for the project showed us that the development of integrated multi-disciplinary services and the sharing of clinical information through individualised care plans would provide effective management of long-term conditions, better value for money and a smoother care pathway for patients. |
| **Is there a published report or background information on your study publically available? Please provide this link.**  (This will be not consulted as part of this submission but we may publish a link if you are successfully shortlisted) | The main Lancashire report and a set of eight CCG and 14 local authority summary reports have been published on the Lancashire JSNA website along with a raft of supporting materials including datasets, charts, funnel plots, service mapping, chapter articles, literature and hyperlinks to other reference material: <http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/corporate/web/?siteid=6117&pageid=35411&e=e> |

**Your entry (awards E)**

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| **Category you are entering** | New researcher of the year |
| **Name of new researcher** (as it will appear in any published document) |  |
| **How do you know the applicant?** (you cannot nominate yourself) |  |
| **I confirm this person has been employed as a researcher for under three years** | Yes (we will not consider any application for someone with more than three years experience) |
| **Have you received permission from the applicant to make this submission** | Yes (we will not consider any application that does not have prior permission from the applicant) |
| **Wow factor**  **Give us the most important reason why they should win**  **(50 words)** |  |
| **Summary**  **How does this person meet the criteria for this award?**  **Word limit**  **(300 words)** |  |
| **Do they have a LinkedIn page, Twitter account or blog used in a professional capacity? Please provide this link.**  (This will be not consulted as part of this submission but we may publish a link if they are successfully shortlisted) |  |

**Rules of entry**

1. Submissions must be made on the forms provided and within the word limits set out
2. One form must be used for each entry
3. All entries must be made by a LARIA member
4. All entries for awards A-D must include at least one public sector body
5. All entries made by a LARIA Corporate member will be made free of charge. If you are not a LARIA Corporate member please join before entering the awards (it only costs £80). If you do not wish to be a member you will need to pay £80 to enter the awards
6. The main contact is responsible for ensuring all permissions have been sought within their organisation or partnership – especially in regards to the publication of information provided
7. LARIA reserves the right to publish all the information provided in this entry in the form of a case study – this includes online – unless otherwise stated
8. The judges’ decisions are final. LARIA will not enter into correspondence about why an entry was not selected as a finalist
9. No free tickets to the awards dinner will be provided automatically to entrants. Tickets are available to purchase separately or as part of attendance at conference. If you cannot accept in person we will ask you to nominate someone who is attending the dinner.
10. Please return to Nicola Adie at admin@laria.gov.uk by **11am Monday 17th March 2014**