

Inclusion Health Day 2017

Our speakers

Andrew Hayward is a Senior Lecturer at UCL and has established the Centre for Infectious Disease Epidemiology in the Department of Infectious Diseases and Population Health. When he arrived at UCL there was very strong research on HIV and STIs but very little research on other infections within the department. He established a successful group focussing on acute respiratory infections, tuberculosis, hospital acquired infection, antimicrobial prescribing and resistance and infections in hard to reach groups. He became UCL Professor of Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Inclusion Health in 2014. In 2015 he established a new Department of Infectious Disease Informatics in the new UCL Institute of Health Informatics.

John Connolly is interested in the interface between social/organisational processes of exclusion and individual processes of self-exclusion. He believes multiply excluded population groups require an enhanced service response which is based on an understanding of this interface. His counselling work endeavours to provide a 'corrective' emotional environment where individuals can begin to trust the 'help' which is on offer and their own ability to make use of that help. This facilitates the gradual understanding and management of the interface between their own self-exclusion processes and those of the organisation. Individuals will also be supported to manage the transition from homelessness into more settled circumstances.

David Robertson works as a Nurse Prescriber in Hackney and has spent the last twenty years working with people affected by homelessness in central London who also have substance misuse problems. Until recently, David was the lead nurse prescriber in the Islington community drug service and prior to that, the Blood Borne Virus Lead Nurse and Overdose & Naloxone Lead for South Westminster Drugs and Alcohol Services. Previously, David has also managed needle exchange services and developed hostel in-reach prescribing services, one of which almost won an Andy Ludlow award. David has a particular interest in homelessness and injecting drug use and its related health consequences.

Emma Thomson has a background in management and was the lead manager who led the process of setting up of a respite centre for homeless people discharged from at UCH, one of the only such facilities to successfully launch in the UK in recent years. She will discuss her experiences and pass on her expertise to those considering a similar project.

Stan Burridge spent most of his childhood in the care system and has significant personal experience of homelessness. Stan has developed a cohort of 'Experts by Experience' to participate in engagement activities; he has also carried out research surveys for NHS partners and homeless sector organisations, compiled written reports, delivered lectures for a number of Universities and provided sessions to GP's and healthcare providers as part of an accredited CPD learning framework. Above all, Stan continues to ensure that the voices of homeless people continue to be at the centre of all that Pathway achieves.

Nigel Hewett graduated in medicine in 1980 and has worked with homeless people since 1990. In 2006 he was awarded an OBE for Services to the Homeless. In 2009 he set up University College London Hospital's Pathway homeless team. In 2010 he was a founder member of the Faculty for Homeless and Inclusion Health, and in 2011 became Medical Director of Pathway – a new Charity formed to improve the health care of homeless people and support the Faculty. In 2014 he edited the 2nd edition of the Faculty Standards for Inclusion Health.