



## NEWS

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### Meetings...

- The next **Members Forum** is on **Monday 26th April 2010 10.30am-4pm** at the **Friends Meeting House**, Euston: [www.quaker.org.uk](http://www.quaker.org.uk). If you would like to come along, please let us know by **Wednesday 14th April**.
- On **1st March 2010**, there was an event to launch '**Child Outcomes Data Explained**' (**CODE**), (previously called the "child outcomes toolbox") a DH funded project which CORC has been collaborating on. The aims of the project are to help professionals and service users to understand and make use of outcome information.

The aim of the event was to share the materials which have been in development and the day was very interesting and a lot of useful feedback was received.

- We held a **Qualitative Methods Think Tank** on Monday 15th March, which went really well – thank you to those who attended. We are thinking of ways we can support members and how members can learn from each other about the best ways of looking at information in a qualitative way, to support the quantitative analysis already being collated.

### CORC Research Team News...

#### **Welcome to New Services Joining CORC**

We are delighted to welcome Norfolk and Waverney Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust to the collaboration.

#### **New member of the team**

We are delighted to welcome **Slavi Savic, CORC Administrator**.

Slavi previously worked with the LSE Complexity Group and LSE London Multimedia Lab, co-coordinating the research work. Her work with groups and individuals supports

her interest in social and cultural issues and creative relationships, further building on her MA in Existential Psychotherapy from the University of Sheffield. Within the LML, she has contributed to the creative media outputs of the research project Images and Sounds. Her wider interests and skills include photography and photographic manipulation, graphic design and web design, video editing, creating video shorts and multimedia art.

### **Session by Session – new appointment**

We are pleased to announce that Jenna Bradley has been appointed **Research Officer** for the **Session by Session approach** to outcomes measurement. Jenna will lead on this research project which looks to evaluate outcomes using a session by session approach, whilst also continuing to support the work of CORC more generally.

### **DH Project**

CORC have been commissioned by the **Department of Health** to take part in a one year research project to see if the collation of outcome data from CAMHS can be used to understand service provision and support service development. The project is focusing on the parent and child Strength and Difficulties Questionnaire (**SDQ**) and the first few services' data is currently being processed.

### **New Style Reports**

Based on feedback received by members, as of **now**, we are producing new style reports. The new style reports display service and team level information on the same graph alongside Rest of CORC information.

One of the other biggest changes to the reports is that from now on, each time we generate a service level report, the outcomes for your service will be compared to those in all other services who have submitted data up to that point (excluding any data your service has submitted whether on this occasion or in the past). Thus your outcomes will be compared with outcomes for the “Rest of CORC” rather than with “All CORC”. In future we hope to do more refined analysis enabling you to compare outcomes in your service with those in relevant other services (i.e. against subgroups) ...but this is still in development.

Within these reports, we will also only show graphs you have submitted data for that time around, rather than including lots of Rest of CORC graphs with no comparison from your service, which was the previous model.

In addition to this, we are also now providing **Estimated Response Rates** for all

graphs, based on the information you send us on your pro-forma when submitting your data.

A sample of the new style report can be seen on the website: [www.corc.uk.net](http://www.corc.uk.net) .

### **More than 8 teams?**

We are also currently proposing a new format to reports for those collaborating services who want to have their data analysed in more than 8 teams. For data in more than 8 teams, we will produce the service level data as usual, but the team data will be shown in the format of tables in the place of the graphs. We are keen to know what you think of this proposal, so please let us know.

### **Friday Forum Drop In Clinic...**

**The Friday Forum Drop In Clinic** on our website has now been live since September. A member of the CORC Research Team will monitor this section of the forum between **2pm and 4pm** every **Friday afternoon** to respond live to any queries you have. Just post a question and we'll get back to you straight away.

### **New on the website...**

- New style report example (**Homepage**)
- Sample Consultation Report (**Homepage**)
- Notes and presentations from implementers' meeting (**Library**)
- SLDOM Scoring Sheet (**Resources**)

### **New Information Sheets...**

Please also find [here](#) some new information sheets. All of these new information sheets are also on the website under **Resources**.

- Infant measures pilot information sheet
- Information sheets for LD measures – SLDOM and Nisonger

### **Keeping in contact...**

The CORC Research Team are always happy to hear from members as to how things are going and to share ideas as to ways forward or to think through particular challenges.

Best wishes,

**The CORC Research Team**

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