

IAPT-LTC Early Implementers – NHS England

Providing expert support for local evaluation teams

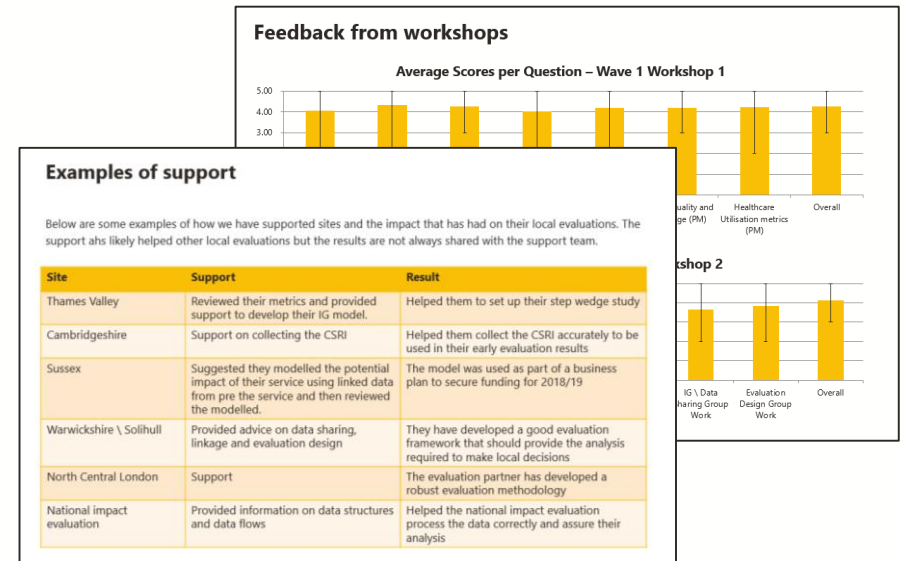
The challenge...

37 'early implementer' sites for the IAPT-LTC service required support for their local pilot evaluations. Sites needed help collecting and linking IAPT MDS data with secondary care data (and primary care data where possible), using local data systems. They also needed advice on IG procedures, how to access data, which healthcare utilisation measures to include in their evaluations and how to analyse their data. Furthermore, local services needed support to improve data quality/completeness, as well as practical guidance and training to help them design and run their evaluations.

Our approach...

The Strategy Unit were commissioned by NHS England to undertake this work. We developed and ran five regional workshops covering evaluation methods, data quality, information governance, data linkage and healthcare utilisation metrics.

We provided 1:1 support for early implementer sites to develop their own local evaluations, supporting commissioners and providers to develop evaluation frameworks and run quantitative and qualitative studies. We also developed 'user-friendly' guidance documents covering evaluation, data quality, data linkage methodologies, information governance and outcome measures.



The outcome...

In delivering our approach, telephone or email support was provided to 21 of 22 'wave 1' sites and all 15 'wave 2' sites.

We ran five full day workshops that were attended by more than 100 people from 21 wave 1 sites and 11 wave 2 sites. The guidance documents were shared with all sites and we presented at 4 IAPT-LTC Early Implementer workshops and 8 IAPT-LTC Clinical Network meetings.

We also ran two webinar workshops, covering data quality and general evaluation queries. Feedback received from attendees was highly positive – stating that the information shared was relevant and useful.