

RAIDPlus Test Bed Evaluation – BSMHFT

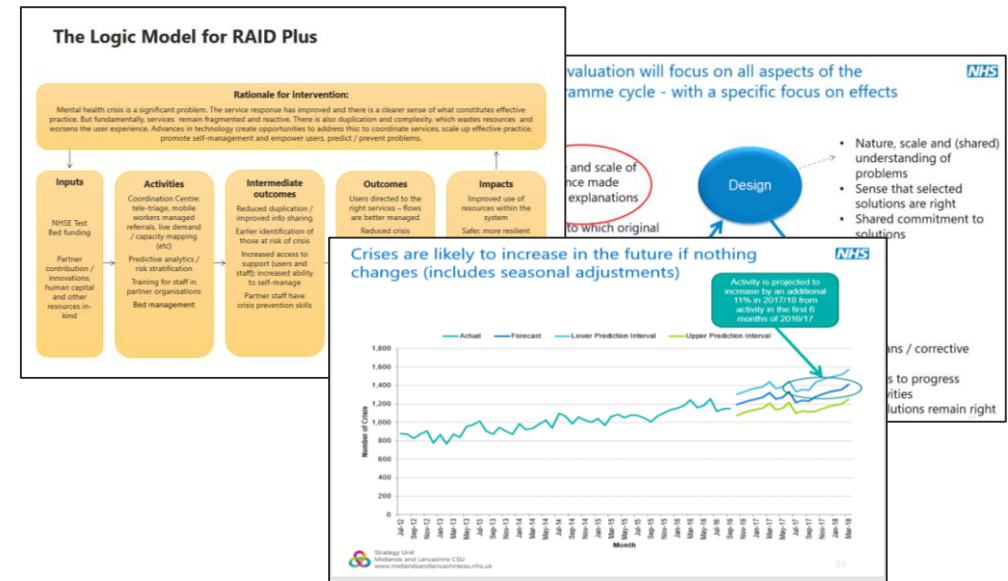
Formative, mixed methods evaluation of an innovative programme

The challenge...

RAIDPlus was one of seven national 'Test Beds' set up in 2016. It aimed to reduce the number of mental health crises and for better management of any crises that do occur, through a combination of technological innovation and service redesign. It was led by Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health Foundation Trust (BSMHFT). Our evaluation aimed to provide a clear understanding of the combination of innovations being tested and an assessment of impact.

Our approach...

We undertook formative evaluation supporting the development of RAIDPlus, ensuring that any lessons learned as part of the process were fed into the programme. We used a mixed methods approach including process and impact evaluation work. The evaluation has supported the scaling and spread of RAIDPlus locally and nationally by: showing the impact delivered on a set of outcome metrics, including an assessment of cost effectiveness, and by documenting and assessing the process of change to improve any future implementations.



The outcome...

The RAIDPlus evaluation is on-going. To date it has provided BSMHT with a robust evaluation framework detailing the programme and logic model. We also produced a detailed baseline report, establishing RAIDPlus' starting position both qualitatively and quantitatively.

As well as an interim evaluation report detailing initial findings on the development and implementation of RAIDPlus from a rapid evidence synthesis, strategic interviews, front line staff experience, service user experience and quantitative evaluation methods.