

***The challenges of sharing knowledge across boundaries: tales from an NIHR Knowledge Mobilisation Research Fellow***

There is a large body of research and literature which focuses on translating knowledge into action, but much of it focuses on how explicit, codified knowledge (e.g. research results and products) makes its way into day-to-day practice. Less is known about how tacit, practice-based knowledge (e.g. experiences, skills and values) is shared between people from different backgrounds. Last year I was awarded an NIHR knowledge mobilisation research fellowship to focus on this topic.



In this seminar I will give a brief overview of the project I am undertaking as part of my fellowship. This project focuses on understanding how health and social care staff working in community settings share knowledge and how they can be helped to share knowledge more effectively. I will also share some 'tales' based on my early experiences and reflections on knowledge sharing. This will include a tale about the challenges I have faced whilst trying to tell local health and social care managers about my project.

I would like to encourage you to come ready to share some of your own stories about the challenges you have faced in communicating with researchers and/or practitioners from different backgrounds so that we can discuss whether framing these and my own experiences as examples of 'knowledge sharing challenges' might be helpful in suggesting ways forward.

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