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Keeping you informed

Welcome to HaCIRIC's News, an update on our current and forthcoming research, events and publications.

HaCIRIC is a unique and innovative collaboration funded by EPSRC, between leading research centres at Imperial College London and the universities of Loughborough, Reading and Salford. Partners from other universities, industry and the healthcare system are also involved in HaCIRIC's research projects.

If you would like to know more about HaCIRIC, please get in touch.

Top stories

European Centre for Health Assets and Architecture (ECHAA)
→ HaCIRIC is discussing the creation of a new European research collaboration with Bouwcollege, SINTEF and Helsinki University of Technology. ECHAA aims to be the first place European healthcare policy makers and industry will turn to for applied knowledge on healthcare infrastructure. More news expected in the New Year.

Joint research with Lancaster University
→ HaCIRIC and Lancaster University will investigate how GP practices are implementing practice-based commissioning, how they apply their knowledge in the design of new healthcare services and facilities, and what creative and/or design skills could make this new role more effective. The project aims to improve the way health infrastructure is designed, conceived and managed at a local level, in order to include and enable changes in services.

Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care
→ HaCIRIC recruited new research staff to work on the CLAHRC (Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care) programme. This is a £10m initiative funded by the NHS Institute for Health Research to implement and research innovations in acute and primary care services across northwest London, within a major collaborative change programme.

Featured staff

Ricardo Codinhoto is a HaCIRIC researcher at the Salford Centre for Research & Innovation, University of Salford. His research interests include Product Development Process Design Planning and Control, Design Management, Design Theory, BIM, The Impact of the Built Environment on Health Outcomes and Evidence-Based Design. He has recently conducted work for the Government Office for Science Foresight Report on Physical Environment and Mental Capital and Wellbeing.

Dr Sepideh Arkani is a HaCIRIC senior research fellow at the Innovative Construction Research Centre, University of Reading. She is responsible for the development and management of research on the practice of built environment infrastructure procurement that enables service providers to deliver effective healthcare. She has a particular research interest in building infrastructure procurement methods and their impact on project participants' behaviour and performance.

Events

Breakfast debates
→ HaCIRIC is hosting a series of breakfast debates sponsored by MACE for those involved in developing policy and in planning, delivering and operating infrastructure for healthcare. The participants explore critical issues with a small group of fellow experts, learn about the latest findings and help develop HaCIRIC's future research agenda.

HaCIRIC 2009 International Conference
→ Following the success of our international symposium, we are organising HaCIRIC's annual International Conference *Improving healthcare infrastructures through innovation* on 2-3 April 2009, Brighton, UK. For more details contact Ana Wheelock or visit www.haciric.org
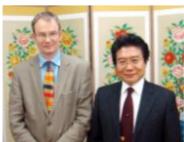
HaCIRIC has a say

Evaluating "Connecting for Health": Policy implications of a UK mega-programme
→ Dr. Jane Hendy, a HaCIRIC research fellow, was invited to take part in a panel at the 8th International Conference on Human Choice and Computers (HCC8). 25-26 September 2008. University of Pretoria, South Africa.

Benefits Realisation master class and workshop
→ Delivered by HaCIRIC's **BeReal** team to the Stockport PCT's staff and stakeholder groups involved in the development of the new St Thomas community hospital. Stockport, Cheshire. 30 September 2008. BeReal is a management tool developed by HaCIRIC to increase the predictability of realising maximum benefits for all the stakeholders of infrastructure programmes and projects.

Emergency care and telecare research highlighted in South Korea and India
→ Prof. James Barlow was invited by the Seoul Welfare Foundation to give a keynote speech on the UK's telecare programme in November 2008. October saw him in Hyderabad, presenting research on emergency care and telecare.

Keynote on Insights on creating innovative healthcare buildings
→ Given by Prof. Mike Kagioglou at the 4th Annual Community Health Partnerships Conference *Adding Value by Transforming Service Delivery*. Wembley Stadium, London. 25 November 2008.

Keynote on Health planning: The challenge of integrated infrastructure investment
→ Given by Prof. James Barlow and Prof. Mike Kagioglou at the conference *Healthcare Infrastructure: Building Better Healthcare in the Community*. Savoy Place, London. 2 December 2008.

New publications

The effects of the built environment on health outcomes
In order to create environments that support and enhance the healing process, we need to understand how the physical characteristics of healthcare environments affect health.

This report stems from the Government Office for Science Foresight Report on Physical Environment and Mental Capital and Wellbeing. It includes a framework mapping existing research that links the characteristics of the built environment to health outcomes.

All change please
To understand why it is so difficult to spread new technologies and practices within the NHS, the authors of All Change Please interviewed more than 80 senior healthcare professionals here and in North America. Prof. James Barlow and Jamie Burn from Policy Exchange discuss challenges the NHS faces spreading the best ideas through the health system. They provide new analysis of how much is currently spent on innovation and diffusion, and make seven recommendations on how to improve the system.