

## Poster – #EIE2021

### Co-creating an intervention to enable local politicians to support the implementation of evidence-based practice

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#### *Research aim*

To co-create and assess the acceptability and feasibility of an intervention to enable local politicians responsible for the organisation of social services in supporting the implementation of evidence-based practice (EBP).

#### *Methods*

Workshops and interviews were used for co-creating intervention content and format together with social service managers (n=8) and local politicians (n=6) in Stockholm region. A feasibility study of the intervention is being conducted within a social welfare committee (n=18) and representatives from social services (n=4). Interviews and questionnaires are used for assessment.

#### *Key findings*

Based on the findings of the co-creation process, the intervention included topics such as local politicians' knowledge about EBP as a concept and their ability to adopt it to affect the steering of social services, and clarifying the roles of the political and administrative leadership. The intervention consisted of two workshops (2+1 hour) during which social welfare committee members discussed the topics included in the intervention with representatives from social services. A total of 78% of the social welfare committee members were recruited for participation. Out of those recruited, 64% took part in both workshops. The assessment of intervention acceptability and feasibility is still ongoing.

#### *Discussion*

Local government have a role to play in the implementation of evidence-based practice in social services. How can we raise interest in EBP among local politicians? How can we better enable local politicians in supporting the implementation of EBP?