

Panel Club 2 – #EIE2021

Common elements: Accelerating evidence reach without compromising quality and effectiveness?

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Topic

The common elements approach is an innovative methodology being developed and tested in a small number of service contexts globally and appears to have promise in accelerating the evidence to practice pathway. It involves identifying individual practice techniques that are common across effective programmes through systematic analysis and selecting and implementing those best aligned with service context and infrastructure. It focuses on fit and usability, with potentially reduced implementation complexity and greater reach compared to conventional manualised programmes.

Who is this for (target audience)?

We invite Implementation scientists, providers of active implementation support, commissioners of services, practitioners and practice organisation leaders, programme developers and programme evaluators to join us for this session.

Key discussion points

- What opportunities and comparative advantages does the common elements approach offer?
- What are the necessary conditions for success and what challenges does the approach raise? What might the approach lose from conventional manualised programmes?
- How can we further develop approaches to identifying, selecting and implementing common elements, and what dimensions of programmes and of practice contexts should we take into account?
- What are the implications of the approach for implementation strategies and for evaluation?

