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- In 4 years, CLAHRC West has delivered **116** courses to **1,168** participants.
- Public health staff were the **largest professional group** trained (n=154).
- 99% of these were **non-academic public health staff**.
- Popular courses:
  - Introduction to service evaluation
  - Public health economics and SROI
  - Critical appraisal
  - Basic statistics and data interpretation
  - Finding the evidence
- Courses were highly evaluated (**3.6/4**).

## Introduction

[CLAHRC West](#) was funded to undertake applied health research and implement research evidence to improve local population health and healthcare. Alongside this, it sought to establish a capacity building programme to develop skills in research and evidence for the health and social care workforce.

## Method

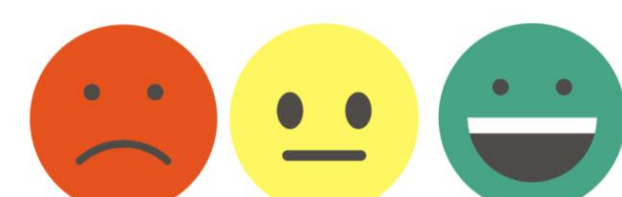


Scoping exercise:

- The workforce needs **research skills training**.
- Lack of provision **outside academia**, particularly for the voluntary sector who help deliver public health services.

Development of an **interprofessional training programme** for public health staff working in commissioning, local authorities, voluntary sector and the NHS.

Course evaluation by attendees, which included stating **one action that would be taken** as a result of the training.



## Top 10 most popular courses among public health staff



## What people like about CLAHRC West courses

"My knowledge of evaluations has sky rocketed and I feel much more **empowered** to do my job."

"...the whole training was excellent, I found it **stimulating** and **encouraging**."

"The course content has **increased my confidence** to take next steps."

"The **exercises** were excellent - challenging and **thought-provoking** and consolidated the learning in each session."

"The **activities** helped put the **theory into practice**."

## What people say about CLAHRC West trainers

"Great at **managing diverse crowd** and picking up on and **expanding on salient points**."

"Having two trainers from **different backgrounds** with **different experiences** to share helped to bring the learning alive and keep it interesting."

"**Engaging** presenters; small groups enabled more **in-depth conversations**."

"Great delivery; made it **very easy to understand**."

"...helpful and able to offer **practical support and advice**."

## Top 5 sectors trained for public health staff

Sector	Number	%
Local authorities	119	77.3
Commissioning	10	6.5
Non-departmental public body (e.g. PHE/ NHSE)	10	6.5
Voluntary sector	6	3.9
Secondary care	3	1.9

## Conclusion

CLAHRC West's strategy for **capacity building** helps to address the training needs of the public health workforce by:

- Being **innovative**, **flexible** and **collaborative**
- Delivering a **unique range of courses**
- Attracting **diverse professions and sectors**

CLAHRC West continues to build on this work to further engage audiences working in areas such as the **wider determinants of health**.

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