

Project note

Project Oracle

Background

The Greater London Authority has commissioned the Research Unit to prepare a statement on standards of evidence to inform and advise local authorities in the capital.

Aim

To compile a comprehensive standard of evidence to support London local authorities in their judgments about the effectiveness of any prevention and early intervention programmes they wish to implement. In addition, to assemble an assessment framework to permit programmes to be scored in terms of their evaluation design, impact on child outcomes and implementation issues, and to provide local service providers with a self-assessment tool.

Method

First, we will consult with experts who have produced similar standards of evidence in the US. Second, we will consult with the Project Oracle team and their advisors about adapting the scoring systems used on the Social Research Unit's database of effective interventions. Third, we will prepare a schema to underpin a self-assessment toolkit and guidance that can be used by service providers who would like to have their work represented on the Project Oracle database. Fourth, we will provide expert speakers for a conference on standards in children's services which will include presentations on Project Oracle and on the proposed standards. Fifth, we will demonstrate project outputs using with the Social Research Unit's database of effective practice and a handful of exemplar projects from London.

Funder

The work is supported by a grant from the Greater London Authority (GLA).

Timescale

November 2009 - April 2010

Dissemination

Outputs will include an evaluation standard, project assessment framework and self-assessment tool. The project will be disseminated with a national conference to be hosted by the GLA in Spring 2010.

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