



Flinders RED Program



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Major focus in 2002: SARNet (SA PHC Research Network)

- Why a network?
 - gained credence in UK and Europe
 - start small is OK
 - multidisciplinary, collaborative, all levels
 - includes and focuses educational component on needs
- UK data?
 - 7 - 10 year time frame
 - successes as measured by publications, grants, number of active researchers etc
 - 1998 UK Federation of Primary Care Networks (30)
[NHS Executive]
 - complements other PHC RED initiatives e.g. Fellows

SARNet - Guiding Principles

1. Removing barriers and providing incentives
2. Recognising the importance of diversity
3. Maintaining an awareness of the needs of Urban, Rural and Remote members
4. Promoting participation as a positive and necessary component of professional development and clinical practice in PHC
5. Taking an integrated approach towards research and evaluation in PHC
6. Providing a forum to promote collaborative research
7. Developing an education and career structure
8. Facilitating the involvement of PHC providers e.g in policy-making

SARNet - Implementation

- Dissemination
 - who are our constituency?
- Involving consumers / consumer groups
- Use of electronic media e.g. website, email
- What are educational needs?
- Planning events, programs

SARNet - Member Support

- Research Bursaries (up to \$5000)
 - ‘Improving access to consumer health information on the FMC Internet site – determining the GP perspective’*
 - ‘Attitudes towards and awareness of complementary and alternative medicines by GPs’*
 - ‘Collaborative Mental Health grant initiatives’*
- Writing Grants (up to \$500)
- Access to Training – Needs based
- Mentoring – From PHC RED and Network
- Networking & Collaboration – Info Sharing

Other activities in 2002

- Fellows: 2 appointees
- Continuing to work with Divisions
- Collaborative activities in grant writing
- Mentoring
- Expanding advisory roles
- Contributing to state based team
- Writing about our work

Opportunities and Difficulties

- Planning and managing network
 - *many parameters unknown*
- Quality mentoring and supervision of fellows and bursary holders
- Relationships with broader groups
 - *time consuming for uncertain rewards*
 - *network may help*
- Building future of DGP by attracting
 - *postgraduate students*
 - *registrars*



