



**EVIDENCE SYNTHESIS**  
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## Details of Training Event 2019

**Title of Training / Event:**

Greater than the sum of its parts? the role of Qualitative Evidence Synthesis

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**Presenter Bio:**

Andrew has been a systematic review methodologist at SchARR, University of Sheffield since 1994 having previously worked in health information roles for the NHS, the Medical Research Council and the King's Fund. Andrew is a Co-Convenor of the Cochrane Qualitative and Implementation Methods Group (CQIMG) and is an Associate Editor for Research Synthesis Methods. Andrew has co-authored recent guidance for the CQIMG and for the GRADE-CERQual core team. Andrew coordinates the annual three day Evidence Synthesis of Qualitative Research in Europe (ESQUIRE) course at the University of Sheffield. Along with colleagues at SchARR, he is currently working on the 3rd edition of Systematic Approaches to a Successful Literature Review (London: Sage).

**Date & Time of Training:**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019

**Location:**

NUI Galway

**Maximum number of attendees:**

30

**Description:**

This event will provide knowledge and practical experience of methods of qualitative evidence synthesis (QES). After a brief overview of the QES process the main body of the course will focus on the three most common and most flexible methods of synthesis namely, thematic synthesis, framework synthesis and meta-ethnography. Participants will be given an opportunity to try these three different methods; extracting data from some sample qualitative research studies and looking how to bring them together within a synthesis. Some considerations when choosing an appropriate methods of synthesis will be rehearsed together with some of the current debates and controversies associated with the process. By the end of this course participants will be able to select an appropriate method for synthesis in a literature on their own topic and operationalize a strategy to take this through to synthesis and presentation.

**Timetable of Training/ Event:**

*All timings are approximate and subject to confirmation:*

09:30 Welcome and Introductions to the Day

09:45 Qualitative Evidence Synthesis – What is it and where does it come from?

10:05 The QES Process – Similar yet Different!

10:30 Choosing an Appropriate Method of Synthesis – Practical Exercise

11:00 Break

11:20 Data Extraction and QES

11:35 Data Extraction – Practical Exercise

12:30 Lunch

13:30 Thematic Synthesis – An Overview

13:50 Thematic Synthesis – Practical

14:45 Framework Synthesis – An Overview

14:55 Framework Synthesis – Practical

15:30 Break

15:50 Meta-ethnography – An Overview

16:10 Meta-ethnography – Practical

16:40 Presenting the Results of a Synthesis

16:55 Questions and Feedback

17:00 Close