

## Annual Report

### January – December, 2016.

**Name:** East Midlands Medical Sociology Group

**Convenor:** Dr Nicky Hudson, De Montfort University

The events are organised and run by a small group of co-convenors: Nicky Hudson, De Montfort University; Cathy Herbrand, De Montfort University; Kylie Baldwin; De Montfort University; Pam Carter, University of Leicester, Helen Eborall, University of Leicester; Jess Turner, De Montfort University.

**Number of members:** The East Midlands Medical Sociology Group doesn't have a formal membership but approximately 35 people attend each of our seminars. As of the end of 2016, our regularly updated mailing list holds over 115 contacts and our seminars are also shared amongst 20 JISCMail mailing lists and local networks.

**Opening Balance: £250.62**

**Closing Balance: £331.92**

**Aims:** To facilitate the dissemination of sociological knowledge and to generate debate, networking and collaboration in the East Midlands.

#### **Review of the year:**

We have hosted two major seminars in the last 12 months. The planning of the next event is underway. All events have been held at De Montfort University.

On **Monday 4th April, 2016, Professor Mary Dixon Woods, Director of SAPHIRE (Social Science APPLIED to Healthcare Improvement REsearch), Leicester University** gave the keynote talk on **'Fugitive knowledge and its role in patient safety'**. There were additional talks by Dr Jenelle Clarke, University of Nottingham 'We are 24/7 Therapy': the importance of everyday social interactions in therapeutic communities', and Josephine Go Jefferies, University of Nottingham 'Telehealth Ninjas: A study of the mastery of technologies for chronic disease care'. Over thirty people attended the event. Delegates were a mixture of students, university and NHS researchers and clinicians from across the Midlands. The cost of this event ranged between being free (Student BSA Members), £5 (BSA Members and Non BSA Students) and £10 (Non BSA Members). Refreshments were provided.

On **Wednesday 1st December, 2016, Dr Kate Reed, University of Sheffield**, delivered a talk on **'It might be the end of one thing but the beginning of something else': exploring the role of Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) in late pregnancy and early life loss**. Twenty-five people attended the event. Delegates were a mixture of students, university and NHS researchers and clinicians from across the Midlands. The event was free to attend and refreshments were provided.

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**Future Meetings:** The first East Midlands Medical Sociology Group Event of 2017 is currently being planned. We welcome comments and suggestions for future events.