# ASCOT Annual Workshop 2014

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# ASCOT workshop

- Policy Research Unit in Quality and Outcomes in person centred care (QORU)

- QORU role in ASCOT
  - Support for users and use
  - Identifying developments needed
  - Undertaking developmental work

- Aim of workshops
  - Assisting you in your requirements
  - Helping us identify priorities and issues

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# Today

11.00    Welcome and Introduction

11.10    ASCOT developments and future directions

11.30    Morning parallel sessions:

**Session A: Using ASCOT to Improve Care Practice and Monitor Quality in Care Homes**

**Session B: Developing Translated and Accessible Versions of ASCOT**

12.30    Lunch

13.30    Afternoon parallel sessions:

**Session A: Using ASCOT in Evaluations**

**Session B: Using ASCOT Data from Surveys for Quality Improvement (Max Project)**

14.30    Final thoughts and summary

15.00    Finish

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# ASCOT activities

- Supporting ASCOT users

    - 999 registered users

- ASCOT projects

    - Development, validity & reliability

    - Applications of ASCOT

- International links

- Publications and presentations

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# Supporting ASCOT users

- Website source for information about ASCOT
    - More information
    - Contact details for support for using ASCOT
    - Forum

- Annual users workshop

- Training

- Commission advice/consultancy for projects

- Any ideas for improvements?

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# Training

- Two courses
  - Introduction to ASCOT
  - Using care home instrument
- Courses on an annual basis (summer)
- Can run more courses subject to demand
- Bespoke courses possible on request
- Developing 'train the trainers' approach
  - Need film clips demonstrating good practice
  - Particularly with older people
- Looking at online learning / training resources

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# Developing ASCOT

- Further work around validity and reliability of ASCOT-INT4 and SCT4

- Further work around usability of CH3 & reliability

- New versions of ASCOT in development

  - Carer version

  - Easy Read version

  - A proxy version

  - Mixed-methods ASCOT for home-based care

  - Use of qualitative evidence with ASCOT

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# Applications of ASCOT (1) Improving practice

- Funded by NIHR School for Social Care Research

- ASCOT Feedback Intervention Study (AFIS)

  - Evaluating impact of feedback to staff on outcomes for care home residents

- Developing a 'care home level' approach

  - Potential for quality assurance and monitoring

  - Presentation of results for use by users and carers

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# Applications of ASCOT (2) Performance improvement activity

- Identifying the Impact of Adult Social Care (IIASC)

  - Identifying and exploring impact of current provision on service users and carers

  - Develop measures of impact for the Adult Social Care Outcomes Framework

- Maximising the Value of Survey Data in Adult Social Care (MAX) project

  - Understanding challenges faced by councils in using survey data

  - Supporting councils to make more use of data for local improvement activities

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# Application of ASCOT (3) Assessment and Review

- SCEiP mini-project – Cumbria CC with some input from ASCOT team

- Using ASCOT in the Assessment and Review Process in Cumbria
  - Make assessment and review more outcome-focused
  - Developed tools to support the use of ASCOT within assessment and review process
  - Evaluated usefulness of ASCOT within the process

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# Applications of ASCOT (4)
## Use in research and evaluation

- Personal health budgets evaluation (PHBE)
- Adult Social Care Environments and Settings (ASSET)
- Shared Lives for older people
- Birmingham study of outcomes from different provider types
- Exploring cost-effectiveness of home care
- Explore factors influencing quality of life of older people, people with LD
- Studies in Denmark, Italy, Finland
- Discussions with NICE

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# International links

- International network
  - Advice and support
  - Share experiences
  - Opportunities for collaboration and comparative work
  - Contribute to the development of the toolkit
  - To promote the use of ASCOT
- More support to people undertaking translations
  - More guidance
  - Suggestions for outsourcing aspects of work – support harmonisation

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# Publications and presentations

- All publications using ASCOT (that we know about!) listed on our website

  - Citations for ASCOT

  - Developmental work

  - Applications

- Please let us know if you publish article / report using ASCOT so we can add to website

# Using ASCOT

- Moving to licensing model for ASCOT

- Provide us with more information about use
- Keep track of use of ASCOT esp. outputs
- Provide better support to people wanting to undertake translations

- Still free for non-commercial uses

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# Questions for you

- What publications/communications would be useful?

- What are your research priorities?
    - Methods and practical developments
    - Analyses/information that you would most value

- Do you know of studies using ASCOT?

- Do you know of other users/uses of ASCOT?

- Ideas for user support improvements?

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