

Session 2: Organisational considerations Discussion points and questions

The following discussion points and questions were raised post session:

- There is a need for organisations to embrace different forms of knowledge
- We need to gain some clarity about the terms that we are using in the fields of research utilisation and implementation, for example there is a great deal of blurring around the roles of facilitators, opinion leaders, educational outreach workers - we need to be clearer about what functions these roles fulfill in the descriptions of our work
- Need to articulate the value base of knowledge utilisation and differing bases among researchers, practitioners and service organisation leaders - different values influence knowledge and practice, therefore we need to spend more time on articulating what is happening in the system
- Paying attention to context is important but studying contextual factors should be given equal weighting as individual factors in research design
- How do you measure organisational context and culture?
- In response to finding ways to demonstrate sustainability and feasibility it was felt that there is a need to include in any research design a cost effectiveness analysis