

Integrating Advanced Clinical Practitioners into General Practice teams through clinical supervision: a realist evaluation

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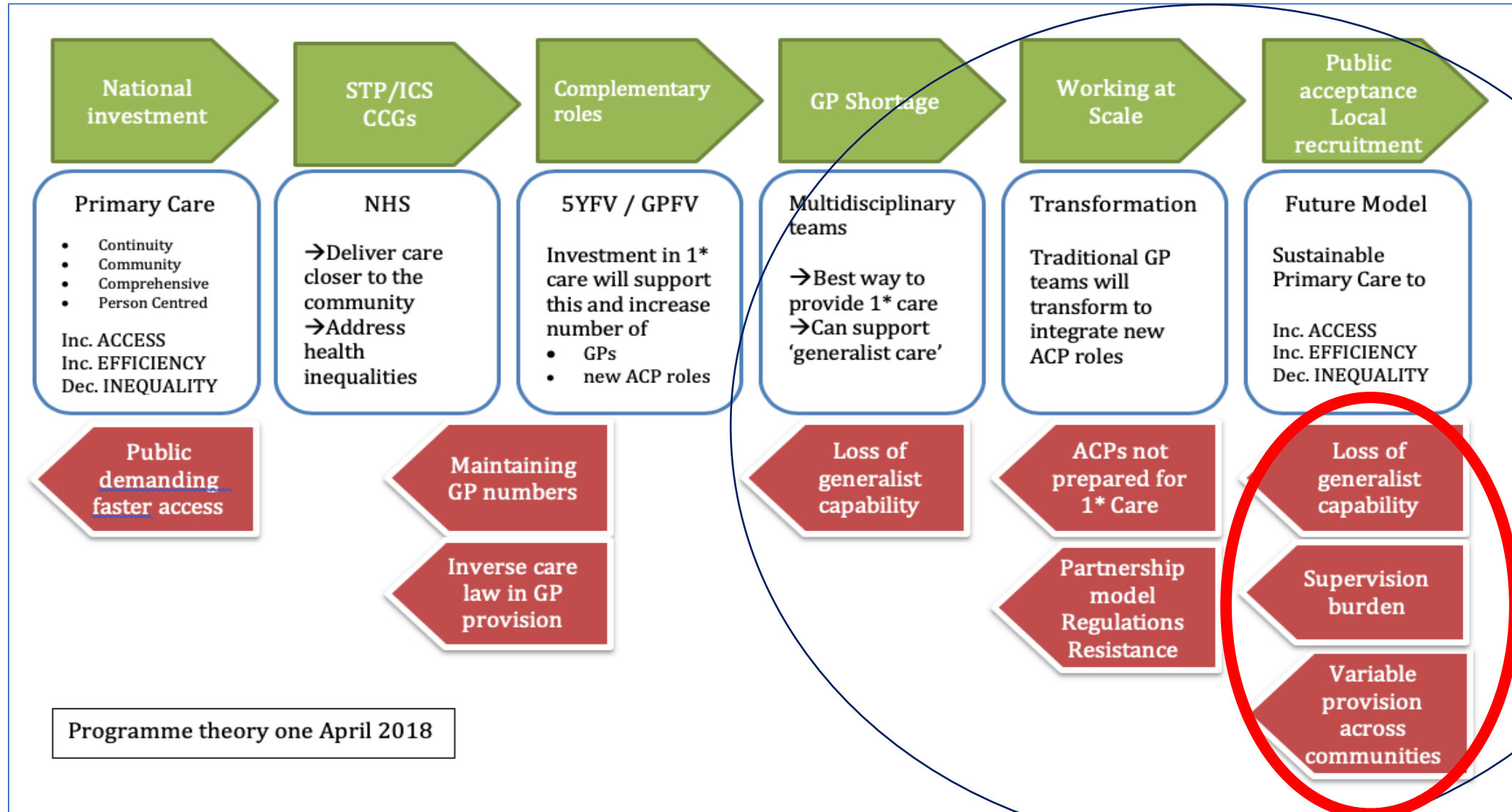
Health Inequities

- Introduction of ACP is an complex intervention for GP services
- Now fully funded through new NHS general practice contract (ARRS)
- Concerns may increase health inequities
 - National bodies (kings fund¹) and
 - Local reports (regional workforce hub²)
- Little evaluation taking place
- Project focuses on supervision of new roles / professionals
 - Newly appointed / adapting to general practice

¹ Beccy Baird and Rebecca Fisher (2019) *Primary care networks and the deprivation challenge: Are we about to widen the gap?*

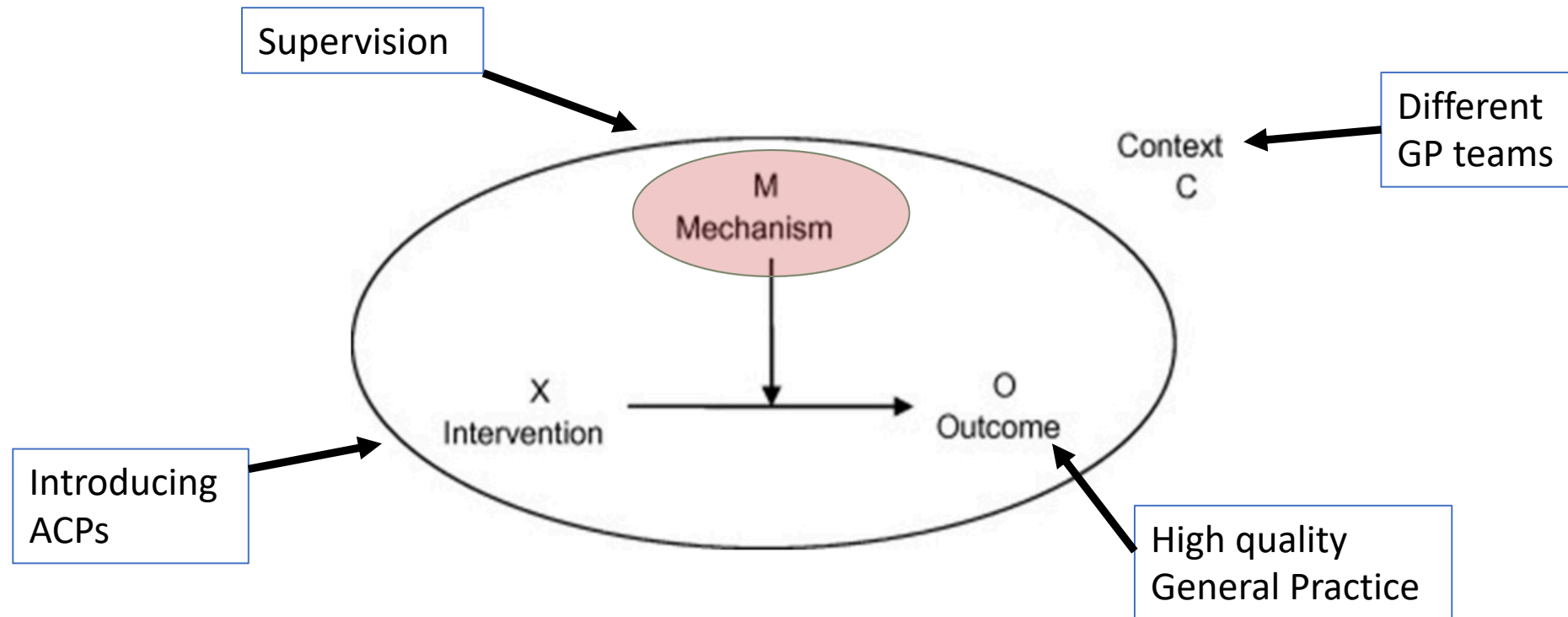
<https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/blog/2019/05/primary-care-networks-deprivation-challenge> ² *Evaluating system readiness for implementation of ARRS roles within South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw primary care networks and actions being taken to address health inequalities. Report in progress. Tom Lawy/Andre Radford*

Initial Rough Programme Theory (PT1) from April 2018 for the integration of ACPs into primary care teams



Realist evaluation

- Looks at '*mechanisms*' operating within the world
- Discovers what works, for whom, in what circumstances and why?

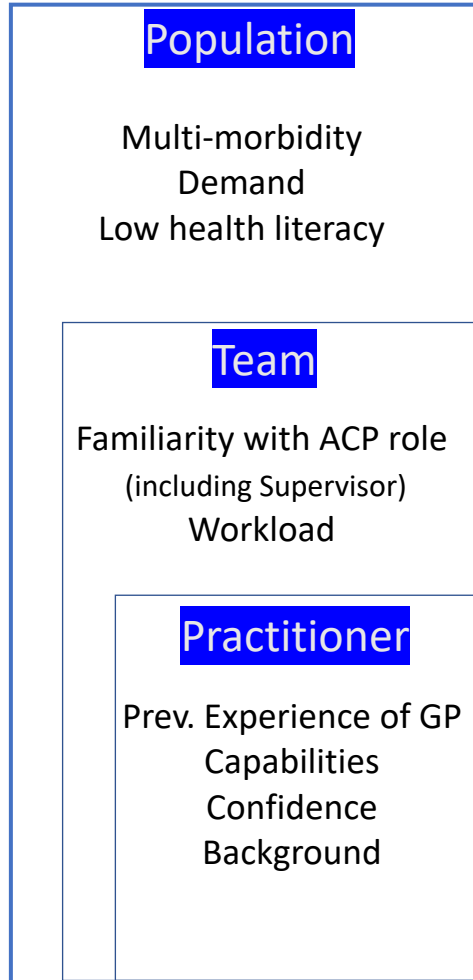


Focusing down... 'concentrating the fire' ...

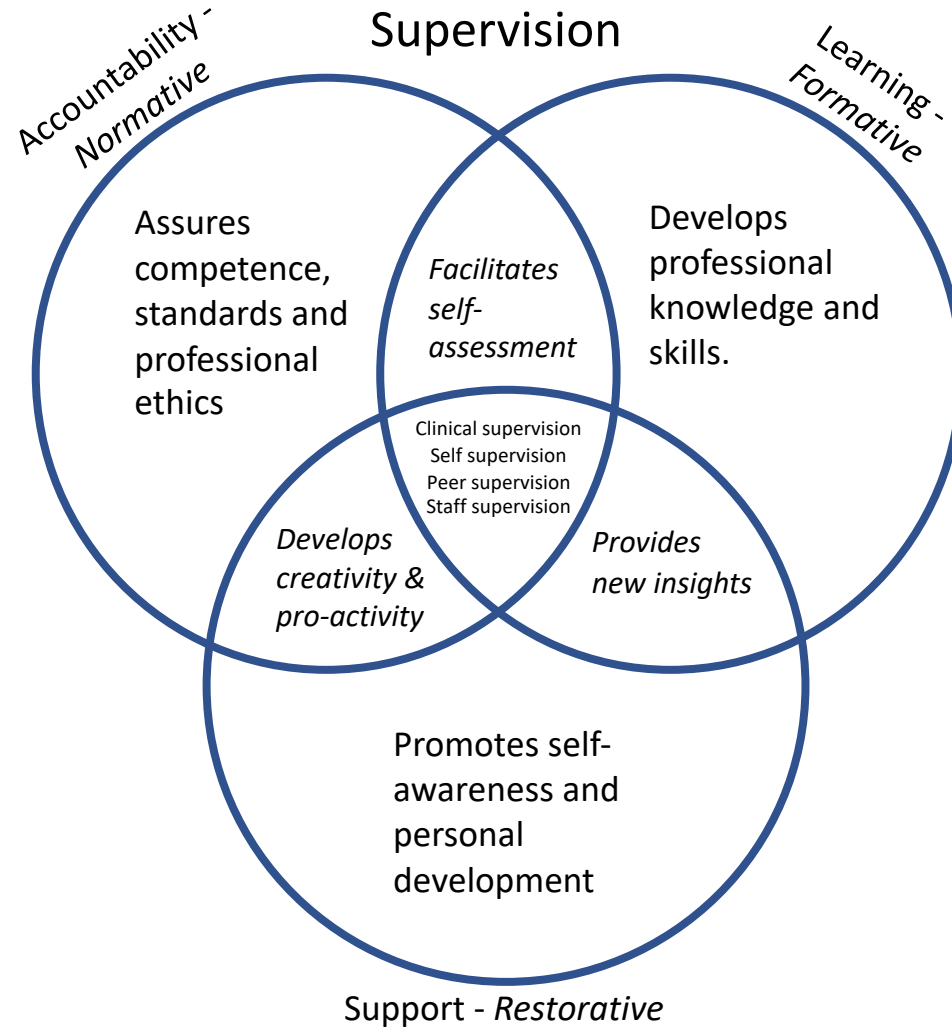
- URBAN rather than rural general practice
- Paramedics, Physician Associates and Advanced Nurse practitioners
- Particular strengths of 'general practice'
 - Managing multimorbidity (including mental and physical health)
 - Managing uncertainty
 - Using continuity in clinical care
 - Advocacy and care co-ordination
- What 'mechanisms' within supervision support integration into teams to strengthen / maintain the above (as well as access)

SUMMARY MODEL

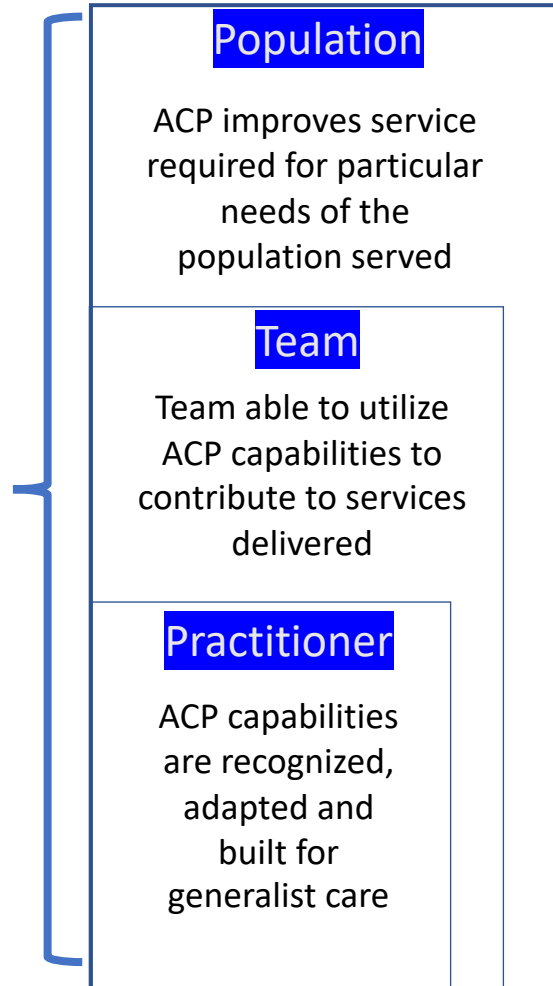
Contextual Aspects



Mechanisms



Outcomes



Recrutiment and Data Collection – 2021

- Qualitative analysis (words rather than numbers)
- 15 paired interviews with ACPs and supervising GPs – [remote – 45 mins]
 - 10/15 purposefully recruited from Deep End Practices
- 6 focus groups with reception / admin staff – [remote ?F2F – 60 mins]
 - All from deep end practices
- Financial re-imbursement for time involved
- **Particularly Paramedics and Advanced Nurses developing as ACPs**
- **Practices that could accommodate a focus groups**

Any questions ?

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