**Abstract Example 2 – Practice or policy**

We provide the following as guidance for writing your abstract. The headings we provide are suggestions only.

1. **Background/Introduction:** Why do we care about the problem? What practical, or theoretical gap is your research filling?
2. **Methods/Approach:** What did you actually do to get your results? (e.g. analysed three policies, interviewed 17 students, surveyed 300 health professionals)
3. **Findings/Results:** As a result of completing the above procedure, what did you learn? Please specify your main findings. This heading is optional for a practice or policy abstract.
4. **Implications/Conclusion:** What are the larger implications of your findings, especially for the problem/gap identified in step 1?

**An example of this type of abstract:**

**Engaging community in research: the UNSW Community Reference Panel**

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**Introduction:** Incorporating the lived experience of affected people and a community perspective into all stages of research offers opportunities to improve research quality and ensures it is relevant to community needs. This involves community input into research objectives, design, and conduct including issues of consent, confidentiality and considerations specific to the study or population. How to achieve this, and with appropriate representation of Indigenous people, has been a challenge for academic institutions

**Approach:** To fulfil this role, the UNSW Centre for Social Research in Health (CSRH) established a Community Reference Panel in 2016 to review proposed research and provide ongoing advice and oversight of projects from conception to publication and dissemination of findings. The panel was further supported by a UNSW Research Network Lab award (a joint application by CSRH and SPRC). This funding will enable the panel to consider expansion to include other key populations (such as people with lived experience of disability). Further support has been provided by the Kirby Institute as a number of projects conducted by this group will use the services of the panel. While the Panel will be engaged for a wide variety of projects, a key role is to support consultation with Aboriginal people.

**Implications:** This presentation will explain how the panel works, how panel members are recruited and consulted and plans for expansion. This presentation will serve as a prompt for broader discussion about community engagement in research.

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