

Opportunities for social care and social work research in Northern Ireland

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About HSC R&D Division

Co-ordinate
regional R&D
strategy for
the HSC in
Northern
Ireland

Administer the
HSC R&D
Fund on
behalf of the
DoH (£12mill
per year)

Encourage
participation in
research, support
researchers &
build capacity



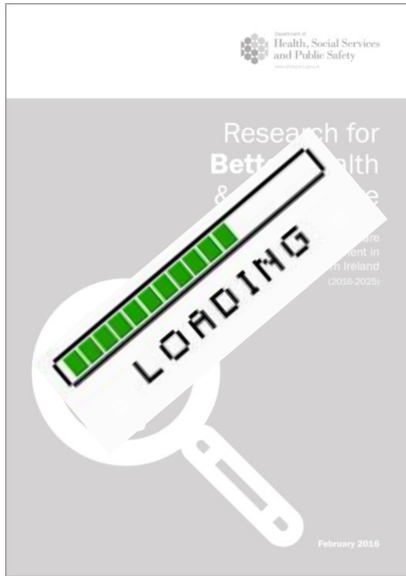
Strategic Aim

The health, wellbeing and prosperity of the Northern Ireland population will benefit from excellent, world-renowned R&D in health and social care which is led from Northern Ireland

A new DoH R&D Strategy for HSC

A new DoH R&D Strategy for HSC will:

- Cover at least 2025 – 2030
- Build on existing effective processes and working
- Support DoH and NI Executive priorities
- Take account of relevant UK Gov priorities, opportunities for all-Island collaboration and the broader funding and HSC context
- Be developed in consultation with key stakeholders.



Future Priorities?

Further develop
Personal and
Public
Involvement in
Research



INVOLVEMENT MATTERS: PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATION TOWARDS
RESEARCH PRIORITIES FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE (IMPACT-HSC)



Inclusive opportunities

Agreed HSC R&D Division is working to address practical barriers to PPI, such as payment for time of PPI reps and other practical supports

67%



Impact

Agreed the PPI processes HSC R&D Division uses positively affects the quality of the research it funds

89%



Support and Learning

Rated that the HSC R&D Division's PPI training (Building Research Partnerships) they attended was helpful or very helpful

80%



Research
Equity



Centre for
Research Equity
through Pharmacy, Communities and Healthcare



This **vision** of the NI partnership is to advocate for research practices that prioritise inclusivity, equity, and meaningful engagement with diverse and underserved communities in Northern Ireland.

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Enabling Research Awards

Guidance Notes
2024

Research Governance & Regulatory Management

- **NI Regional Governance Approvals team fully established** and working closely with ethics service, Trusts, networks and HSC Innovations to deliver study-wide approvals.
- Continue to engage in UK-wide working towards streamlined ethics and governance approvals and 4 nations research policy.

UK-wide collaboration

NI Approval

Co-ordination between ORECNI, HSC Innovations and Governance Services

UK Approval

Co-ordination across all
4 Nations



New IRAS

To support, Ethics,
Governance, Researcher, site
approvals



Current Opportunities

Fellowships

Co-development of a peer-to-peer intervention to support healthcare assistants' delivery of hospice care at home. Ms Kasia Patynowska

Enabling Research Awards



**HSC R&D Division
Enabling Research Awards**

Guidance Notes
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Up to £45,000

Recent Award

Promoting uptake and sustainability of the iMPAKT App: Optimisation of data reporting and use of large-scale data to support person-centred practice . Prof Tanya McCance, Ulster University

Funding Opportunities

Opportunity-Led Commissioned Research Awards

Dr Mark Linden
(QUB)
RESIDE
(Relationships and
Sexuality in
Intellectual
Disability
Education)
PROJECT

Dr Mary Lavelle
(QUB)
Communication
and Restraint
Reduction in Acute
Inpatient Mental
Health Settings

Prof Lawrence Taggart (UU)
Optimising recruitment for adults with learning
disability and type 2 diabetes: The Quintet
Recruitment Intervention (QRI)




Have you got Type 2 Diabetes and a Learning Disability?

The University of Ulster has developed an education programme for people with a learning disability who have Type 2 diabetes.

This programme could help you to understand and manage your diabetes better.

It gives advice on how to manage your weight and diet, become more active; and control your blood sugars.

If you or someone you support may be interested, contact Gary McDermott on
T: +447873704514 E: g.mcdermott@ulster.ac.uk

Funding Opportunities

NIHR



Six areas to consider for your application

1. **Clear research question/rationale**
2. **Clearly-defined social care benefit (or path to impact)**
3. **Appropriate methods** – clearly linked to the overall aims and objectives
4. **A convincing team** – justified with the methods, work packages, and disseminations
5. **Suitable involvement plan** for social care practitioners, researchers, care workers and users of social care
6. **Clear links to social care**

The Research Programme for Social Care also offers opportunities for early career research (ECRs)* to apply for applications up to £250,000, providing they are supported by an appropriate team which is suitably resourced. These applications will be reviewed by the assessing committee but will not be in direct competition with larger awards or those from non-early career researchers.

Funding Opportunities

Workshop & Conference Scheme

Stephanie Craig
(QUB)

Conference: The lived experiences of dementia care and support: From diagnosis to end of life care.



YVONNE MILLERICK :
CARING TOGETHER
PROGRAMME SCOTLAND



LINDA COOPER :
CARER'S VOICE



ANDREW KERR:
SPECIALITY DOCTOR -
CARDIOLOGY SOUTH
EASTERN TRUST



RACHEL CAMPBELL:
CONSULTANT IN
PALLIATIVE MEDICINE
SOUTH EASTERN TRUST



palliatheartsynthesis
Caring for patients in advanced stages of heart failure



DATE
Fri 29th Sep 2023

TIME
10am—2pm

VENUE
Canada Room,
Queen's University Belfast >>> for directions



Calling all those involved in caring for patients with heart failure.

Come along to our morning conference to learn from those integrating heart failure and palliative care services—certificate of attendance will be provided to all attendees

Scan QR code to Register:

Or Email:
t.mcconnell@qub.ac.uk



Hot buffet lunch will be provided, followed by a sweet treat to set you up for the day!





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QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY BELFAST
SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

3rd INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON PUBLIC HEALTH RESEARCH IN PALLIATIVE CARE

A HUMAN RIGHTS BASED APPROACH FOR PALLIATIVE CARE: TOWARDS SOLUTIONS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PALLIATIVE CARE

16 & 17 November 2023



Assembly Buildings in Belfast  ppinto@aiihpc.org
+353 14912948  professionalpalliativehub.com/eapcseminar



Have you, or someone you care for, been affected by head and neck cancer?

Research Information Event
Monday 14th August 2023
Cancer Centre (Belfast City Hospital)
Level 1, Seminar Room 3
12noon-2pm
Refreshments will be served

REGISTER TODAY
 Using the QR code, or contact: Ruth Boyd
 NI Cancer Research Consumer Forum
 028 9615 2652 or email nictn@belfasttrust.hscni.net

1 Have you been affected by head and neck cancer?
 We are looking to involve patients and carers in helping to influence head and neck cancer research in Northern Ireland.

2 Would you like to get involved in research?
 Research is not all about scientists and lab coats. You could help influence and shape treatment for head and neck cancer, including patients experience of care.

3 How can you help?
 Come along and find out more. This will be an opportunity to ask questions and hear from other patients and researchers currently involved in research studies.

JOIN US IN SHAPING THE FUTURE



Funding Opportunities

PPI in Research Small Grant Scheme

- Aims to support and encourage innovative practice in the delivery of PPI through the development of new ways of working with patients and public, in particular, underserved groups (Up to £2500).*

Recent Awards

Impact of Children's Social Worker Turnover on Service-Users and Families.

Prof Paula McFadden, Ulster University

Social Care Research Priority Setting Group.
 Paul Webb (Praxis Care)

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