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The use and management of Research Capability Funding (RCF) generated through recruitment to NIHR studies in Primary Care in Staffordshire and Shropshire

Staffordshire, Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin Research Fellowships Scheme

Applications from local healthcare professionals are invited to undertake a one-year research fellowship at Keele University. The fellowships are to support the development of observational studies to be undertaken in primary care.

Background

The CCGs in Staffordshire, Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin in partnership with Keele University and West Midlands Clinical Research Network are keen to increase the number of observational studies recruiting locally in primary care (for the scheme primary care specifically refers to general practice and other independent contractor services).

The input of local healthcare professionals in developing funding proposals for these studies is vital to ensure that they are relevant to, and doable in, day-to-day practice.

The scheme will be hosted by the Primary Care and Health Sciences Research Institute (RI) at Keele University which has an international reputation for its research on musculoskeletal and mental health conditions managed in primary and community care, and has research teams with a proven track record of gaining extensive research funding.

Research Fellowship Scheme

The scheme will provide successful applicants with protected time to work with a multi-disciplinary team of academics to develop research proposals for formal grant applications. Research Fellows will be 'buddied' with an experienced researcher who will assist in all aspects of the research process, from the identification and refinement of the research question through to writing grant applications and papers for publication. In addition, the RI will provide general grant writing support, such as support on: systematic reviewing, research cost calculation, and applying for ethical and governance permissions.

Research Fellowships

Three Research Fellows will be appointed for up to four ½ day sessions a month for one year to undertake grant writing activities in the RI. The fellowships are open to any healthcare professional working locally in the NHS (in primary, community or secondary care and be local enough to be able to regularly work from Keele University). The Research Fellow must have a viable research idea for

an observational study to be undertaken in primary care within the participating CCG areas, and want support in developing a grant proposal to take this forward.

Research Fellows' salaries will be by negotiation, with the starting point being the agreed salary level of such a clinician employed by Keele University. Reimbursement will include on-costs to provide employer contribution to NI and pension.

Research Fellows will, with the support of their "research buddy", provide a delivery plan at the outset of the appointment and provide six monthly progress reports to the RI, the Cross Staffordshire and Shropshire Research Group and the NIHR Clinical Research Network: West Midlands.

Enquires to either Dr. Mark Stone, Chair of the Cross Staffordshire and Shropshire R+D group, (mark.stone@nhs.net) or Helen Duffy, NHS Partnership and Engagement Manager at Keele University (H.C.Duffy@Keele.ac.uk).

Application

Please send your CV and your research proposal outline to -

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