

## Candidate Information

<b>Position:</b>	Research Fellow
<b>School/Department:</b>	School of Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences
<b>Reference:</b>	19/107547
<b>Closing Date:</b>	Thursday 18 July 2019
<b>Salary:</b>	£33,199 - £36,261 per annum
<b>Anticipated Interview Date:</b>	Friday 2 August 2019
<b>Duration:</b>	Until 31 August 2020 initially

### JOB PURPOSE:

The postholder will manage a collaborative research project. The project involves the adaptation of a psychological intervention for stroke survivors who have cognitive impairment, and evaluation of the feasibility and acceptability of the intervention for stroke survivors, their families and healthcare professionals, including those delivering the intervention.

The project will involve the organisation and facilitation of workshops and semi-structured interviews with various stakeholders including stroke survivors and their families, the development of a logic model, qualitative and quantitative data collection and analysis, and dissemination of project findings.

The study is funded by NI Chest Heart and Stroke.

### MAJOR DUTIES:

1. Undertake critical reviews of relevant literature relating to the adaptation of interventions for people with cognitive or communication difficulties.
2. Assist with the development of intervention resources and research materials.
3. Build and maintain good working relationships with the research team, collaborators, and other key stakeholders.
4. Organise, facilitate and recruit participants to a series of workshops and semi-structured interviews
5. Undertake data collection, data entry and transcription.
6. Undertake data analysis, including basic (quantitative) descriptive analysis and qualitative analysis.
7. Manage the safe and accurate identification, collection and storage of data.
8. Draft and present regular progress reports as well as the final report to the funder.
9. Carry out administrative tasks associated with the project including the organisation of project meetings and the preparation of required documentation.
10. Prepare and manage applications for ethical approval and research governance.
11. Prepare material for publication in national and international journals and presentations at conferences.
12. Contribute to the development of further research funding applications relevant to the study.
13. Disseminate research findings via various media forums and outlets.
14. Read academic papers, journals and textbooks to keep abreast of developments in own specialism and related disciplines.
15. Any other duties related to the successful achievement of the study.

### Planning and Organising:

1. Plan own day-to-day activity within framework of the agreed research programme.
2. Plan to meet deadlines for reports, journal publications and to prepare presentations and papers for conferences.
3. Feedback and liaise with research supervisor(s) on work progress.
4. Coordinate and liaise with other members of the research team and other relevant colleagues regarding progress.

### Resource Management Responsibilities:

1. Ensure resources including time resources are used in an effective and efficient manner.

2. Provide guidance as and when required to support other staff who may be assisting with the research.

**Internal and External Relationships:**

1. Liaise on a regular basis with research collaborators, funder, colleagues, and other stakeholders.
2. Make internal and external contacts to develop knowledge and understanding, share information and ideas, and form relationships for future collaboration.
3. Attend and contribute to relevant meetings.

**ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:**

1. Have or be about to obtain a PhD in a health related discipline or social science or a closely related subject relevant to the study.
2. At least three years' experience of research in a relevant area.
3. Experience of working in an applied research context.
4. Experience of conducting literature reviews.
5. Experience of qualitative research methods and data analysis.
6. Experience of collecting data directly (face to face) from research participants.
7. Evidence of having co-ordinated a research project to successful completion.
8. Excellent IT skills.
9. Excellent organisational and administrative skills and able to meet deadlines.
10. Excellent interpersonal, oral and written communication skills (including evidence of ability to write reports).
11. Clear and confident communicator.
12. Ability to give formal presentations.
13. Ability to work independently and on own initiative.
14. Willingness and ability to meet the mobility requirements for the post (undertaking data collection in participants' homes in the greater Belfast area).
15. Ability to work outside normal hours if necessary.

**DESIRABLE CRITERIA:**

1. Postgraduate qualification in research methods.
2. Good publication track record commensurate with experience.
3. Experience of logic models.
4. Experience of intervention, pilot or feasibility studies.
5. Experience of organising and facilitating workshops.
6. Experience of working in a multi-disciplinary team.
7. Experience of conducting semi-structured interviews.
8. Experience of management of databases and statistical packages e.g.SPSS and NVivo.
9. Experience of working in a professional or research capacity with stroke survivors.
10. Experience of working in a professional or research capacity with peoples who have communication and/or cognitive difficulties.
11. Knowledge of psychological interventions such as Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT).
12. Ability to adapt communication style to work effectively with people who may have cognitive or communication difficulties