

## Candidate Information

<b>Position:</b>	Research Fellow (0.5 FTE)
<b>School/Department:</b>	School of Nursing and Midwifery
<b>Reference:</b>	22/110328
<b>Closing Date:</b>	Monday 7 November 2022
<b>Salary:</b>	£35,333 per annum, pro rata
<b>Anticipated Interview Date:</b>	Tuesday 22 November 2022
<b>Duration:</b>	Until 31 August 2024

### JOB PURPOSE:

The post-doctoral researcher will play a critical role in developing, leading and supporting the CO-DECIDE programme of research and will work closely with the North-South Executive Management Team and Project Steering Committee to plan and implement five work packages, reporting to the Principal Investigator.

The post offers an exciting opportunity to join an interdisciplinary and inter-institution collaboration between Queen's University Belfast and Dublin City University to deliver an all-island approach to research and education capacity building, and to influence policy and governance to identify best practices and deliver better outcomes for children and their families. Specifically, the research aims to co-produce, with parents and health and social care professionals, a decision-making framework for planning the place of end-of-life care for children and young people with life-limiting, life-threatening and terminal conditions, and their families, on the island of Ireland. The Research Fellow will be based in the School of Nursing and Midwifery at Queen's University Belfast and will be required to engage in cross-border mobility working closely with our partner institution at Dublin City University.

### MAJOR DUTIES:

1. Conduct a specified programme of research on planning place of end-of-life care for children under the supervision and direction of the Principal Investigator/s. This will include:
  - Conducting an integrative review
  - Securing ethics approvals as appropriate
  - Recruiting parent and health/social care professional participants
  - Organising and conducting interviews and focus groups
  - Developing and managing an online Delphi survey
  - Coordinating and facilitating co-production workshops
  - Analysing qualitative and quantitative data
  - Developing a decision-making framework using a co-production approach
  - Targeting knowledge translation initiatives, including participation in conferences
  - Supporting the publication and dissemination of research outputs in peer-reviewed journals under the supervision of the Principal Investigator
  - Assisting the Principal Investigator in identifying and developing future research and funding initiatives
  - Carrying out administrative work associated with the programme of research as necessary including regular funding agency reports and internal reports
  - Carrying out additional duties as may reasonably be required within the general scope and level of the post.

### ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. Have or be about to obtain a relevant PhD in a health or other relevant discipline (e.g., nursing, social science, psychology, allied health, health services research).

2. At least 3 years relevant research experience to include:
  - Experience in effective networking and building strong working relationships within and across organisations, disciplines and professions
  - Experience of conducting qualitative or mixed methods research
  - Experience of working within/researching in palliative care.
3. A publication track record.
4. Ability to contribute to broader management and administrative processes
5. Contribute to the School's outreach programme by links with industry, community groups etc.
6. Sufficient breadth and depth of specialist knowledge in the discipline and of research methods and techniques to work within established research programmes.
7. Strong leadership and influencing skills with expertise in project management and experience of working with communities and health service users.
8. Ability to communicate complex information clearly.
9. Ability to build contacts and participate in internal and external networks.
10. Demonstrable intellectual ability.
11. Ability to assess and organise resources.
12. Be able to take initiative and work under pressure to tight deadlines.
13. Ability to work effectively as part of an interdisciplinary team.
14. Excellent communication, interpersonal and organisational skills.
15. Willingness to travel to meet the needs of the post.

**DESIRABLE CRITERIA:**

1. Experience of working with children and families in a palliative care context.
2. Experience of conducting research in a children's palliative care context.
3. An awareness of the ethos of palliative care and an ability to undertake research with appropriate sensitivity in the area of end-of-life palliative care.