



Candidate Information

Position:	Research Fellow
School/Department:	Centre for Public Health
Reference:	22/110522
Closing Date:	Monday 13 February 2023
Salary:	£35,333 - £39,745 per annum
Anticipated Interview Date:	Monday 6 March 2023
Duration:	Fixed term until 31 January 2024

JOB PURPOSE:

The aim of this study is to improve oral health for older adults in nursing homes in partnership with the Community Dental Service (SE Trust).

The study will involve training for care home staff in oral health practices and assessing the impact of this training on resident's oral health.

The study is funded by NIHR.

MAJOR DUTIES:

1. To work as part of the Health Services Research group within the Centre for Public Health, School of Medicine, Dentistry & Biomedical Science, Queen's University Belfast.
2. To build and maintain close working relationships with key stakeholder groups relevant to dependent older adults.
3. To recruit care homes and residents to the study across the SE Trust.
4. To liaise with the Community Dental Service to organise epidemiological screenings and follow up within care homes.
5. To aid care home staff in completing data collection forms and uploading data.
6. To analyse quantitative and qualitative data.
7. To draft and present regular progress reports on research for the research team, research funders and external audiences.
8. To prepare, in consultation with the research team, material for publication in national and international journals and presentations at international conferences.
9. To carry out routine administrative tasks associated with the research project to ensure that the work is completed on time. These might include for example, organisation of project meetings and documentation and financial control.
10. Read academic papers, journals and textbooks to keep abreast of developments in own specialism and related disciplines.
11. Any other duties related to the successful achievement of the above duties.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. Have or be about to obtain a PhD in Medicine, Nursing, Nutrition, Psychology, or a closely related discipline.
2. A least 3 years of recent relevant research experience in one of the following fields (or a closely related field): Public Health, Oral Health, Nursing, Nutrition.
3. Experience of managing and analysing data generated from patient/participant based research.
4. Experience of undertaking (design, execution and reporting) qualitative research.
5. Proven ability to work in a multi-disciplinary environment as part of a research team.
6. Excellent IT skills.
7. Excellent organisational skills.
8. Excellent inter-personal skills.
9. Evidence of ability to deal competently with administrative tasks.
10. Excellent oral and written communication skills.
11. Evidence of ability to write reports and meet deadlines.

12. Clear and confident communicator.
13. Ability to give formal presentations.
14. Ability to communicate with non-academic audiences.
15. Ability to work independently and on own initiative.
16. Ability to work outside normal hours when necessary.
17. Access to transport or ability to meet mobility requirements for the post and willingness to travel to meet the needs of the post.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

1. Good publication track record commensurate with experience.
2. Experience of management of databases and statistical packages e.g.SPSS.
3. Proven ability to participate in or initiate collaborative research.
4. Evidence of having co-ordinated a research project to successful completion.
5. Strong commitment to a career in research.