

## Candidate Information

<b>Position:</b>	Research Fellow, part-time (0.8FTE)
<b>School/Department:</b>	School of Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences
<b>Reference:</b>	26/113153
<b>Closing Date:</b>	Monday 9 March 2026
<b>Salary:</b>	£41,519 - £49,536 per annum (pro-rata).
<b>Anticipated Interview Date:</b>	Monday 23 March 2026
<b>Duration:</b>	12 months

### JOB PURPOSE:

The postholder will manage the mixed-methods evaluation of participant experience associated with the DAME trial, a multi-centre UK trial to compare two treatment pathways for Diabetic Macular Oedema. The postholder will also manage a process evaluation to assess implementation and scalability aspects post-trial. The postholder will also contribute to other ongoing collaborative research projects in ophthalmology.

The research involves close collaboration with stakeholders (including PPI representatives, research participants, clinical and academic colleagues), management and monitoring of recruitment to focus groups and interviews, qualitative and (basic) quantitative data collection and analysis, report writing and dissemination of findings.

The study is funded by NIHR. The post involves travel to sites across the UK for data collection activities therefore remote working options may be considered within the UK.

### MAJOR DUTIES:

1. Organise and facilitate the recruitment of participants to focus groups across UK sites, and liaise closely with other colleagues to support these activities.
2. Undertake qualitative interviews and focus groups, data management and qualitative data analysis.
3. Build and maintain good working relationships with the research team, collaborators, PPI representatives and other key stakeholders.
4. Manage the safe and accurate identification, collection and storage of data.
5. Assist with the development of research materials.
6. Draft and present regular progress reports.
7. Carry out administrative tasks associated with the project including the organisation of project meetings and the preparation of required documentation.
8. Assist with applications for ethical approval and research governance where appropriate.
9. Prepare material for publication in national and international journals and presentations at conferences.
10. Review relevant literature.
11. Collaborate closely with PPI representatives and groups.
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 studies.

### ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. Have or be about to obtain (have submitted a PhD thesis for examination) a PhD, or, in a health-related discipline or social science or a closely related subject relevant to the study.
2. Significant experience of research in a relevant area.
3. Experience of working in an applied research context.

4. Experience of designing qualitative research and conducting qualitative data analysis.
5. Experience of arranging and conducting qualitative interviews and/or focus groups.
6. Evidence of having co-ordinated a research project to successful completion.
7. Excellent IT skills.
8. Excellent organisational and administrative skills and able to meet deadlines.
9. Excellent interpersonal, oral and written communication skills (including evidence of ability to write reports).
10. Clear and confident communicator.
11. Ability to give formal presentations.
12. Ability to work independently and on own initiative.
13. Willingness and ability to meet the mobility requirements of the post which will involve travel to sites across the UK for data collection activities.
14. Ability to work flexibly, which will involve data collection activities at times suitable to research participants.

**DESIRABLE CRITERIA:**

1. Postgraduate qualification in research methods.
2. Good publication track record commensurate with experience.
3. Experience of working in a multi-disciplinary team.
4. Experience of management of databases.
5. Experience of using qualitative analysis software such as NVivo.
6. Experience of working in a professional or research capacity in a health-related context.
7. Experience of conducting online interviews or focus groups (e.g. using Teams / Zoom).
8. Experience of conducting interviews and/or focus groups with patient research participants.
9. Experience of conducting interviews and/or focus groups with healthcare professionals.
10. Experience of collecting and analysing research data related to patient experience and/or acceptability.
11. Knowledge of implementation science theories, methods and frameworks.
12. Knowledge of methods involved with process evaluations.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Informal enquiries can be directed to: Michelle Harvey - [m.s.harvey@qub.ac.uk](mailto:m.s.harvey@qub.ac.uk).