



## Candidate Information

<b>Position:</b>	Research Fellow (Belfast Youth Development Study)
<b>School/Department:</b>	School of Social Sciences, Education and Social Work
<b>Reference:</b>	26/113212
<b>Closing Date:</b>	Monday 30 March 2026
<b>Salary:</b>	£41,519 per annum
<b>Anticipated Interview Date:</b>	Monday 13 April 2026
<b>Duration:</b>	12 months

### JOB PURPOSE:

Queens Communities and Place (QCAP) and the School of Social Science, Education and Social Work (SSESW) are currently seeking to appoint an experienced candidate to the post of Research Fellow. The post is located within the Belfast Youth Development Study (BYDs) and supervised by a multi-disciplinary team to support the roll out of a further sweep of the longitudinal study, which has been running for 20+ years. The post holder will be responsible for the successful delivery of a three-phase methodology inclusive of an online survey, forensic tracing of cohort members, data linkage as well as a small qualitative component. The successful candidate will also have the opportunity to avail of travel and training opportunities.

### MAJOR DUTIES:

1. Develop and plan an area of research within the scope of the Belfast Youth Development study.
2. Prepare, often in consultation with colleagues, material for publication in national and international journals, presentations at international conferences and lay research summaries.
3. Assist in the development of future research, funding proposals and applications to external bodies.
4. Carry out analyses, critical evaluations, and interpretations using methodologies and other techniques appropriate to the BYDs study.
5. Present regular progress reports to clinical and social care partners, international advisory panel, stakeholders and other external audiences.
6. Liaise with colleagues within QCAP and SSESW, specifically within Community Health and Wellbeing team and community partners.
7. Engage in activity to ensure they remain up to date with developments in mental health, longitudinal and cohort studies.
8. Carry out analyses, critical evaluations, and interpretations using methodologies and other techniques appropriate to longitudinal research.
9. Carry 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. Significant relevant research experience in public health / social sciences, relating to mental health/ substance use.
3. Experience in quantitative and qualitative analysis specifically longitudinal data analysis.
4. Breadth and depth of experience of using statistical software (SPSS/STATA/SAS/R/Mplus).
5. Experience of presentations/dissemination of research findings at local, national or international level.
6. A publication track record, commensurate with career stage.
7. Ability to contribute to broader management and administrative processes.
8. Contribute to the School's outreach programme by maintaining/developing links with stakeholders such as community partners, schools and policy makers.
9. Sufficient breadth and depth of specialist knowledge in the discipline and of research methods and techniques required.
10. Good understanding of the key issues and challenges associated with engagement with communities for research studies.
11. Excellent communication, interpersonal and organisational skills.

12. Ability to communicate complex information clearly to a range of audiences, e.g. lay audiences.
13. Ability to build contacts and participate in internal and external networks.
14. Demonstratable intellectual ability.
15. Ability to assess and organise resources.
16. Ability to work effectively as part of an interdisciplinary team.
17. Willingness to travel to meet the needs of the post.

**DESIRABLE CRITERIA:**

1. Experience of evaluative research.
2. Experience of data linkage handling/management.
3. Experience in intervention development/design.
4. Prior experience of linking with external colleagues and developing networks.
5. Breadth and depth of experience of using statistical software (SPSS/STATA/SAS/R/Mplus).
6. Experience planning, implementing and evaluating research engagement and impact activities with a range of audiences.
7. Experience in preparation of funding proposals or applications to external bodies.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

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