Candidate Information

Position:	Research Fellow (Process Evaluation)
School/Department:	School of Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences
Reference:	26/113251
Closing Date:	Monday 27 April 2026
Salary:	£41,519 - £49,536 pro rata per annum (actual salary for 0.2FTE: £8,303 - £9,907 pa)
Anticipated Interview Date:	Friday 22 May 2026
Duration:	Fixed term until 31 March 2031

JOB PURPOSE:

To be an active member of the research team supporting the process evaluation work package within an NIHR HTAfunded multicentre randomised controlled trial. The postholder will contribute to the conduct and analysis of the process evaluation using established guidance, undertaking data collection and analysis and preparing outputs to inform interpretation of trial outcomes by the research team. The postholder will work under the direction of the Chief Investigator and senior research team.

MAJOR DUTIES:

1. Support the implementation and coordination of the day-to-day process evaluation activities, ensuring timelines and data collection targets are met.
2. Draft and pilot data collection materials (e.g., interviews, surveys, questionnaires) in collaboration with the research team, considering feasibility, ethics and practicality.
3. Conduct qualitative interviews, focus groups and surveys across multiple NHS sites.
4. Work with clinical teams to collect process evaluation data relating to intervention delivery.
5. Analyse qualitative data and integrate findings with routinely collected Clinical Trials Unit (CTU) data under guidance from the research team.
6. Contribute to reports and presentations for trial management groups and stakeholders.
7. Draft manuscripts, conference presentations and posters and contribute to dissemination of findings.
8. Attend and contribute to trial and research meetings and provide progress updates and process evaluation information as required.
9. Assist with preparation of ethics applications, governance documentation and funding proposals.
10. Liaise with the coordinating CTU and site teams regarding process evaluation data collection.
11. Comply with, and promote, Good Clinical Practice (GCP) and Research Governance Standards; maintain GCP training according to legislation.
12. Undertake additional duties as directed by the Chief/Co-Investigators in support of the wider research programme.
13. Contribute to supervision, teaching, or training within the School as appropriate.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. Hold a relevant degree.
2. Have, or be about to obtain*, a PhD in a relevant discipline (*must be obtained within 3 months of commencement of employment).
3. Significant relevant research experience including qualitative and/or mixed methods research (e.g., interviews, focus groups, surveys and analysis).
4. Demonstrated experience of conducting research in NHS healthcare settings.
5. Sufficient breadth and depth of specialist knowledge in research delivery, clinical trials, and of research methods and techniques to work within an established research programme.
6. Strong academic writing skills and ability to communicate complex information clearly.

7. Strong organisational and administrative skills with the ability to plan, prioritise, and manage research activities to meet deadlines.
8. Ability to build and maintain contacts, networks, and collaborative working relationships.
9. Demonstrable intellectual ability, initiative, and capacity to assess and organise resources.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
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