Palliative care researcher wins Florence Nightingale scholarship

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She will be using the funding award for her first year of a PhD in palliative care, entitled: 'What does Advanced Care Planning mean to the elderly frail person in the community setting?' Following a one-year secondment to the palliative care department, Allison will shortly be returning to her post as a community matron in Ely where she will continue her research.

Dr Sarah Galbraith, consultant in palliative medicine, said: "This is a prestigious award and Allison will be required to present and publish her work for the benefit of the profession and, more importantly, for the benefit of patients. Many former Florence Nightingale scholars are in top leadership positions and exemplars to the profession."

The foundation is a living memorial to Florence Nightingale and raises funds to provide research, travel and leadership scholarships for nurses and midwives. These are used to study at home or overseas to promote and disseminate innovation in practice and extend knowledge and skills in order to meet changing healthcare needs and improve patient care.