
Nursing/AHP research

This part of the website is dedicated to qualified NMAHPs who would like to develop a career in research, are thinking about undertaking their own research study, or just want more information about research opportunities at Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (CUH).

NMAHP research at CUH

The Trust has a vision to “become a world-leading centre for NMAHP research and a nationally recognised leader in developing and supporting clinical academic careers for nurses, midwives and allied health professionals”.

Professor Christi Deaton, based at CUH, leads the Clinical Nursing Research Group (CNRG) at the University of Cambridge. She took up post as Florence Nightingale Professor of Clinical Nursing Research in 2013 and has led the development of the Nursing, Midwifery and Allied Health Professionals Research Strategy 2016-2018 (available to download below).

Professor Deaton and Alexandra Malyon, the Trust's lead research nurse, also lead the Clinical Research Leadership (CRL) Group - open to any NMAHPs within CUH and the University of Cambridge interested in developing research culture and capacity - which meets regularly to oversee the implementation of the NMAHP research strategy.

The aims of the group and research strategy follow the principles of research capacity building proposed by Cooke (2005)¹:

- Ensuring research is integral to practice
- Building skills and confidence
- Investing in infrastructure
- Developing linkages and collaboration
- Developing actionable dissemination
- Building sustainability and leadership

For more information about the group, how to join the group or about NMAHP research, please email Alexandra Malyon at alexandra.malyon@addenbrookes.nhs.uk, Christi Deaton at cd531@medsch.cam.ac.uk or christideatonpa@medsch.cam.ac.uk.

1. Cooke J. A framework to evaluate research capacity building in health care. BMC Family Practice. 2005; 6:44. Doi: 10.1 186/1471-2296-6-44.

What's new?

The IMPAACT team from Nottingham University Hospitals (NUH) NHS Trust visited CUH on 06/12/19. The IMPAACT team presented their work on how they have progressed NMAHP clinical academic careers at NUH and delivered a workshop about this to CUH NMAHPs - see the links to presentation pdfs below.

The RCN have created an information page about nursing careers, including a career as a research nurse.

A new network for clinical academics and their managers in the East of England has been created. Follow them on twitter @CAPNEast.

HEE East of England has funded a 3-year programme of internships, pre-doctoral and post-doctoral bridging.

The UEA has created information for managers and employees about the HEE/NIHR Integrated Clinical Academic (ICA) Programme.

Your NIHR AHP research champions are John Martin, Paramedic, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust and Carol Payne, Physiotherapist, Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital.

See Healthtalk.org to find out about the experience of NMAHPs in research. Their researchers talked to 45 NMAHPs from across the UK. Find out what people said about issues such as their research activities, working with colleagues, supporting patients and career progression.