Social Care PhD Studentships Award Committee 2021

Public minutes

Studentship committee members in attendance (virtual meeting)

Date
Tuesday 18 May, 2021

Venue
Virtual meeting

Chairs
Professor Andy Pithouse, Emeritus Professor, School of Social Sciences, Cardiff University (Chair)
Dr Rhiannon Evans, Senior Lecturer, School of Social Science, Cardiff University (Deputy Chair)

Committee members present
Dr Paul Rees, Swansea University
Dr Diane Seddon, Bangor University
Dr Michael Clark, London School of Economics
Dr Rhiannon Evans, Cardiff University
Dr Mike Robling, Cardiff University
Professor Gideon Calder, Swansea University
Dr Nicola Evans, Cardiff University
Dr Lisa Trigg, Social Care Wales
Professor Lynne Kennedy, Zayed University
Professor Wulf Livingston, Glyndwr University
Dr Alison Orrell, Bangor University
Professor Carolyn Wallace, University of South Wales
Professor David Challis, Nottingham University
Professor Deborah Fitzsimmons, Swansea University
Dr Nathan Bray, Bangor University
Ms Charlotte Callaghan, Public Member
Ms Amanda Wells, Public Member

Health and Care Research Wales secretariat
Eleri Quayzin, Research & Development Division, Welsh Government
Michael Bowdery, Research & Development Division, Welsh Government
Marc Boggett, Research & Development Division, Welsh Government
Emma Small, Research and Development Division, Welsh Government

Technical support and hosting
Rachel Corbett, Wessex Institute
Tina Moody, Wessex Institute

Apologies
Professor Mark Smith, Dundee University
Introduction

The Social Care PhD Studentship Award aims to support capacity building in social care research by funding high-quality research projects that will provide robust evidence with clear relevance to service users and carers.

Introductory summary

The Committee considered five applications. Three applications were recommended for funding to Health and Care Research Wales, subject to checks and amendments (total lifetime value: £196,256).

In line with the Health and Care Research Wales Conflict of Interest policy, individuals noted as having conflicts left the meeting during discussions of the relevant application and did not score those applications.

Social Care PhD Studentships Award 2021 committee recommendations

All recommendations were subsequently accepted by Health and Care Research Wales and the following projects funded.

- **Studentship reference SCS 21 05:**
  ‘How living in rural areas contribute to feelings of loneliness in diverse rural communities, and the role communities play in addressing social inequality’
  (Rachel Rahman, Aberystwyth University)

- **Studentship reference SCS 21 02:**
  ‘Engaging care home residents in research: identification of barriers and facilitators and the development of an intervention to support residents in decision-making and advance planning for research (ENGAGE Study)’
  (Professor Fiona Wood, Cardiff University)

- **Studentship reference SCS 21 01:**
  ‘Developing a Training Package for Link Workers in Wales using a Realist Approach’
  (Dr Mark Davies/Professor Carolyn Wallace, University of South Wales)

Further information

Further details of the projects will be available on the Health and Care Research Wales [Our funded projects](#) portfolio