

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