

Health and Care Research Wales

Research for Public and Patient Benefit (RfPPB) Wales

Funding Board Meeting

Public minutes

Date

Wednesday 22 June 2022

Venue

Virtual meeting

Chairs

Professor Jane Noyes, Bangor University (Chair)

Professor Neil Thomas, University of Birmingham (Deputy Chair)

Board members present

Joanna Charles, Bangor University

Dawn Craig, Newcastle University

Colin Dayan, Cardiff University

Jamie Duckers, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board

Rosemary Greenwood, Bristol University

Sue Jordan, Swansea University

Martyn Lewis, Keele University

Lavinia Margarit, Swansea University

Anmarie Nelson, Cardiff University

Ruth Northway, University of South Wales

Julius Sim, Keele University

Emma Thomas-Jones, Cardiff University

Carolyn Wallace, University of South Wales

Mari James, Public and Patient Involvement Representative

Sarah Peddle, Public and Patient Involvement Representative

Health and Care Research Wales secretariat

Michael Bowdery, Research & Development Division, Welsh Government

Marc Boggett, Research & Development Division, Welsh Government

Sandra Enright, Research & Development Division, Welsh Government

Eleri Quayzin, Research & Development Division, Welsh Government

Consultant advisors

Jason Horsley, University of Southampton

Technical support and hosting

Rachel Corbett, University of Southampton

Tina Moody, University of Southampton

Apologies

Richard Body, Manchester University

Adrian Edwards, Cardiff University

Martyn Hooper, Public and Patient Involvement Representative

Ceri Phelps, University of Wales, Trinity Saint David

Sharon Williams, Swansea University

Reyer Zwiggelaar, Aberystwyth University

Observers

Amanda Farrow, Health and Care Research Wales - Support & Delivery Centre

Steve Hiles, Swansea Research Design Conduct Service

Introductory summary

Following remit and eligibility checks, a policy prioritisation process and external peer and public review, the Research for Public and Patient Benefit (RfPPB) Wales Funding Board considered **12** applications. A summary of the funding recommendations can be found below.

Five applications were recommended for funding by the Board, all of which were subsequently approved for funding by Health and Care Research Wales, with a total lifetime value of **£1,114,795**.

Four of the successful applications addressed the priority areas. Applications that addressed priority areas have a '(p)' in their reference. The priority areas were:

- align with the healthcare wellbeing objective in the Welsh Government's Programme for Government 2021-2026; and/or
- address the challenges set out in A Healthier Wales, the Welsh Government's strategy for health and social care

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

Summary of funding recommendations

Project reference: RfPPB-21-1827(P)

Project title: Integration of Liquid Biopsy into Lung Cancer Diagnostic Pathway

Lead applicant: Dr Magdalena Meissner

Institution: Aneurin Bevan University Health Board

Cost: £230,000

Project reference: RfPPB-21-1845(P)

Project title: Collaborative community based education program to reduce Inequalities in the uptake of diabetes screening among Minority Ethnic people in Wales: A Phase I feasibility study (CYMELL)

Lead applicant: Dr Rose Stewart

Institution: Betsi Cadwaldr University Health Board

Cost: £229,998

Project reference: RfPPB-21-1847(P)

Project title: 999 R.E.S.P.O.N.D. (emergency dispatch decisions in covid-19)

Lead applicant: Dr Nigel Rees

Institution: Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust

Cost: £229,974

Project reference: RfPPB-21-1858

Project title: Feasibility of an alternative pathway for hospital referrals from Diabetic Eye Screening Wales (DESW) for people suspected with sight-threatening diabetic eye disease (diabetic maculopathy).

Lead applicant: Miss Eirini Skiadaresi

Institution: Hywel Dda University Health Board

Cost: £209,703

Project reference: RfPPB-21-1870(P)

Project title: How can immersive virtual reality be used to facilitate recovery and rehabilitation of patients following a stay in intensive care?

Lead applicant: Dr Ceri Lynch

Institution: Cwm Taf University Health Board

Cost: £215,120

Further information

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