

## Health and Care Research Wales

### Research Funding Scheme: Social Care Grant (SCG)

### Funding Board Meeting

#### Public minutes

##### Date

Tuesday 21 June 2022

##### Venue

Virtual meeting

##### Chairs

Professor Jonathan Scourfield (Chair), Cardiff University

Dr Diane Seddon (Deputy Chair), Bangor University

##### Board members present

Ms Charlotte Callaghan, Public and Patient Involvement Member

Professor David Challis, Nottingham University

Dr Michael Clark, London School of Economics

Dr Laura Cook, University of East Anglia

Dr Rhiannon Evans, Cardiff University

Professor Gill Manthorpe, Kings College London

Professor Michael Robling, Cardiff University

Professor Mark Smith, Dundee University

Dr Lisa Trigg, Social Care Wales

Ms Amanda Wells, Public and Patient Involvement Member

##### Health and Care Research Wales secretariat

Michael Bowdery, Research & Development Division, Welsh Government

Marc Boggett, Research & Development Division, Welsh Government

Eleri Quayzin, Research & Development Division, Welsh Government

##### Consultant advisors

Jason Horsley, Consultant Advisor, SHEI (formerly Wessex Institute), University of Southampton

### **Technical support and hosting**

Rachel Corbett, SHEI (formerly Wessex Institute), University of Southampton

Tina Moody, SHEI (formerly Wessex Institute), University of Southampton

### **Apologies**

Professor Lynne Kennedy, Zayed University

Dr Nicola Evans, Cardiff University

Mr Martin Rolph, Public and Patient Involvement Member

### **Observers**

Ms Nicola Heady, Research Design Conduct Service, Swansea University

Dr Kim Smallman, Research Design Conduct Service, Cardiff University

Ms Amanda Farrow, Health and Care Research Wales Faculty

Ms Karen Williams, SHEI (formerly Wessex Institute), University of Southampton

### **Introductory summary**

Following remit and eligibility checks, a policy prioritisation process and external peer and public review, the Funding Board considered **seventeen** applications. A summary of the funding recommendations can be found below.

**Eight** applications were initially recommended for funding, all of which were subsequently approved for funding by Health and Care Research Wales, with a total lifetime value of **£2,073,881**.

**Three** of the successful applicants were Early Career Researchers (ECR). All successful applications addressed the priority areas. Applications that addressed priority areas have a '(P)' in their reference. The priority areas were:

- Children who are looked after, and reducing the need for children to be in care
- Research topics identified through our prioritisation project: How can we best provide sustainable care and support to help older people live happier and more fulfilling lives?  
Equality, diversity and inclusion.

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:** SCG-21-1821 (P)

**Project title:** Ethnic and religious inequalities in children's social services in Wales: Patterns and outcomes

**Lead applicant:** Prof Sin YI Cheung

**Institution:** Cardiff University

**Cost:** £297,371

**Project reference:** SCG-21-1832 (P)

**Project title:** Understanding the Subjective Well-Being of Younger Children Looked After in Wales: A Qualitative Study Designed with Children in Care Using Creative Methodologies

**Lead applicant:** Professor Donald Forrester

**Institution:** Cardiff University

**Cost:** £295,279

**Project reference:** SCG-21-1844 (P)

**Project title:** Parental Advocacy in Wales: A mixed methods evaluation of its effectiveness in supporting parents

**Lead applicant:** Dr Clive Diaz (ECR)

**Institution:** Cardiff University

**Cost:** £216,359

**Project reference:** SCG-21-1861 (P)

**Project title:** Educational pathways and outcomes for children who are looked after: a population-scale data linkage study

**Lead applicant:** Dr Emily Lowthian (ECR)

**Institution:** Swansea University

**Cost:** £149,986

**Project reference:** SCG-21-1874 (P)

**Project title:** What are the service outcomes for criminally exploited children? A case study of criminally exploited children's service journeys in two local authorities in Wales

**Lead applicant:** Dr Nina Maxwell

**Institution:** Cardiff University

**Cost:** £370,063

**Project reference:** SCG-21-1864 (P)

**Project title:** Exploring the barriers and enablers to effective engagement with care leavers.

**Lead applicant:** Dr Ceryl Davies (ECR)

**Institution:** Bangor University

**Cost:** £224,954

**Project reference:** SCG-21-1829 (P)

**Project title:** A preventative approach to ensuring Access to a Sustainable, whole System pathway for older people with vision impairment (ASSIST)

**Lead applicant:** Dr Jennifer Acton

**Institution:** Cardiff University

**Cost:** £263,991

**Project reference:** SCG-21-1851 (P)

**Project title:** School-based mental health provision for children and young people (11-18 years) with experience of care: Mixed-method study of implementation, acceptability, need and priority outcomes

**Lead applicant:** Dr Gillian Hewitt

**Institution:** Cardiff University

**Cost:** £255,878

## **Further information**

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