

Social Care Research Capacity Building Programme

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The Challenge

- The social care research community is fragile and under-developed – both at the Wales and UK level
- Research centres often developed around a key academic and/or funding pot – sustainability
- Building a research community with both methodological and practice knowledge
- Nurturing the next academic leaders



- A ‘pipeline’ of academic researchers to include those with practice and lived experience and those with methodological expertise
- Three key points identified where support is needed and where we can lose people
- A HCRW funded programme that focuses on those key periods

Pathway to PhD/Professional Doctorate



- Aimed predominantly at those with practice or lived experience
- Navigating the ‘maze’ of routes, funders, financial implications, developing a research proposal, finding potential supervisors
- Shorting the distance between research and practice – the in-practice visiting researcher initiative

Pathway to PI

- Aimed at supporting and developing Early Career Researchers
- The move to independent researchers and gaining a first grant as principal investigator or a larger grant from funders such as ESRC, Nuffield or NIHR
- One-to-one and group support



Pathway to Professor

- Aimed at mid-career researchers, and social work lecturers who want to develop their research further
- Time limited mentoring by a senior social work academic to develop a career development plan:
 - ✓ publications,
 - ✓ grant capture
 - ✓ promotion applications



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