Social Care Research
Capacity Building Programme

Dr Martin Elliott and Professor Donald Forrester

October 2022
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