

Health and Care Research Wales Faculty Inaugural Conference

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Role of the Health and Care Research Wales Faculty

- Coordinate and oversee personal research award schemes for health and social care researchers across professions and at different stages of their careers [including applicant surgeries, feedback to unsuccessful applicants].
- Progress the **individualised and peer learning and development and mentorship** that our health and social care personal award holders need to advance their research careers.
- Foster interdisciplinary interactions and networking across the faculty community.
- Develop action plans to help facilitate the equal representation of all groups, across career stages and professions, in the Welsh researcher population.
- Raising the awareness of profile of Welsh research and promoting the research career opportunities of the researchers themselves.

Health and Care Research Wales personal award schemes

Research Capacity Building Collaboration (RCBC) Wales fellowships

Closed



NHS Research Time Award

Next call: 09/2023



Senior Research Leaders Scheme

Next call: 11/2024

Health PhD Studentship Scheme

Next call: 01/2024



Social Care PhD Studentship Scheme

Next call: 01/2023

 **ESRC Wales Doctoral Training Partnership**
Partneriaeth Hyfforddiant Doethurol Cymru ESRC

Social Care Research Fellowship Scheme

Open



Health Research Fellowship Scheme

Next call: 09/2023

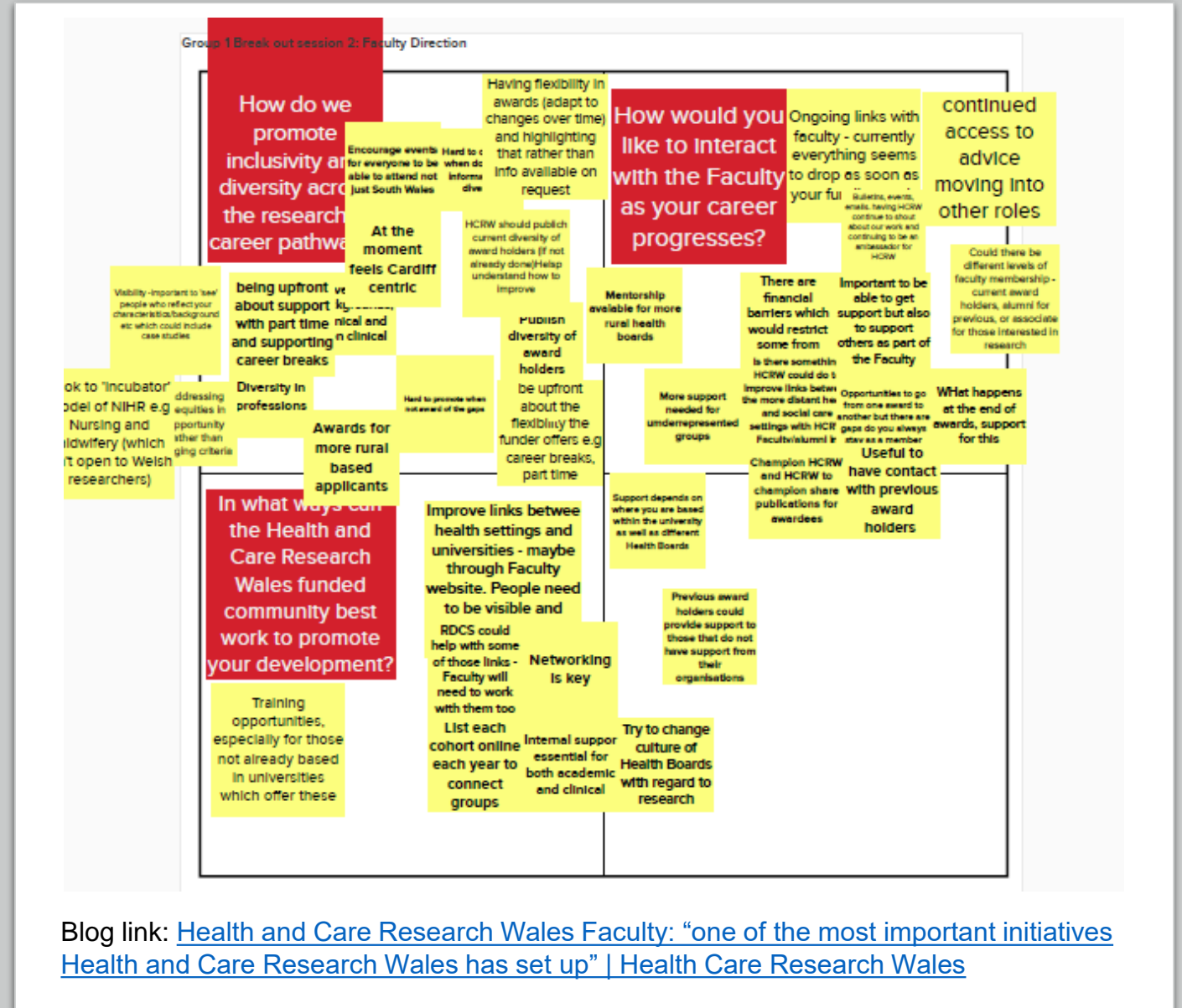
National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) Fellowship Programme

Open



Virtual Members Event 7 September 2022

- 39 attendees from across all award types
- Series of facilitated discussions to gain steer on development of the Faculty support services to members



Blog link: [Health and Care Research Wales Faculty: “one of the most important initiatives Health and Care Research Wales has set up” | Health Care Research Wales](#)

You said...

- Networking and making (human) connections are key to success.
- Promoting a mutual research champion role (Health and Care Research Wales and members working together) is crucial.
- Accessing Research mentors and developing mentoring and coaching skills within award holders would be valuable.
- Peer support and links to past award holders should be encouraged
- Faculty needs to encourage diversity and support for underrepresented groups.
- Accessing support at the end of an award would be beneficial.
- Workshops, skills development, support in personal development planning are crucial to the research career pathway.

Your Training Needs Research Development

What researcher learning and development opportunities (in addition to those you have proposed as part of your personal award) do you consider to be critical in your next career steps?

Please detail the researcher learning and development opportunities you think would be important in the next 3 years

Key themes were:

Research Leadership Development

Skills development including *project and grant management skills, writing for publication, preparing ongoing grants and developing research impact plans*

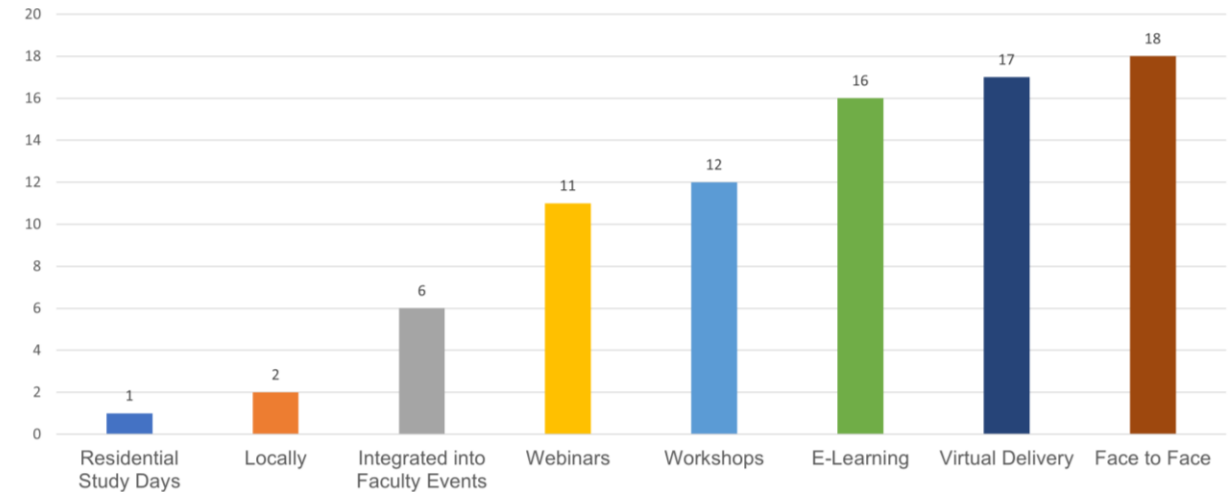
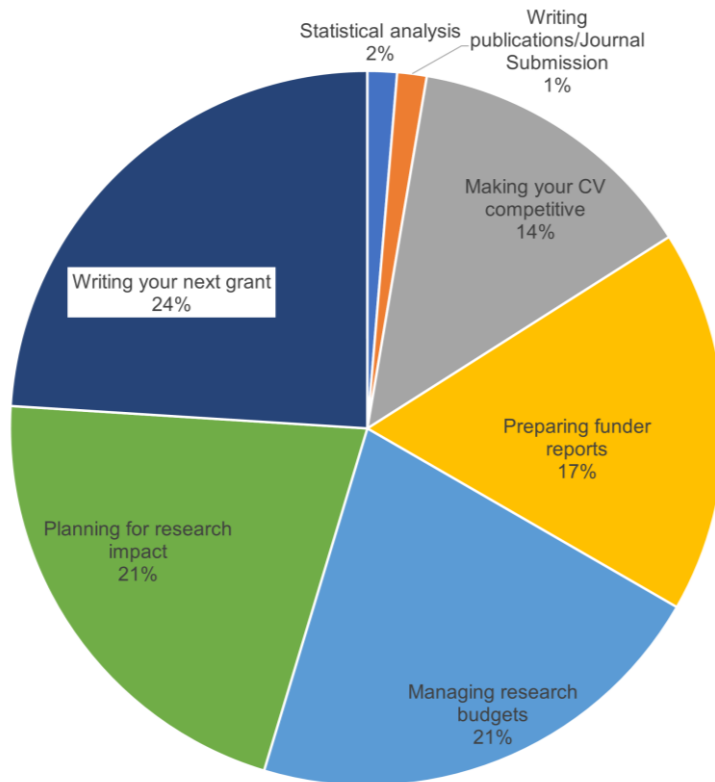
Mentoring others and receiving Mentoring/coaching

Networking

Other funding/grant opportunities

Your Training Needs Research Development

What research training would you find useful for your research career development in the future?
And How would you like to access these opportunities?



Writing your next grant, **planning** for research impact, **managing** research projects/teams/budgets. Combination of **face to face**, **virtual** and **e-learning** options.

Planned Faculty members' support

- New members induction.
- Health and Care Research Wales Community of Scholars.
- Leadership and skills development.
- Mentorship.
- Annual supportive reviews.
- Peer support groups.
- Programme of Events (webinars, e-learning, face to face).
- Access to other Health and Care Research Wales development opportunities (including Bridging Funding).

Bridging funding

- Fellowship Seed Corn Fund to launch towards end of 2023.
- To facilitate research activities required to strengthen a subsequent follow-on funding applications.
- Provide applicants with mentorship to develop strong research proposals.
- Will only be available to current personal award holders (Faculty members).

2023 webinar series (in development)

Topics to include:

- Health economics general principles, economic evaluations alongside trials, methodological developments (**SAVE THE DATE 13 February 12.00-13:00 & 16 March 12.00-13:00**).
- The new MRC framework for development and evaluation of complex interventions and the MRC framework for process evaluations.
- Planning research impact.

Faculty website

www.healthandcareresearchwales.org/faculty

www.ymchwilielchydagofalcymru.org/cyfadran



Health and Care Research Wales Faculty

In 2020/21, Health and Care Research Wales, Social Care Wales and Health Education and Improvement Wales initiated a joint review of the career and training/development pathways for health and social care researchers with a view to enabling capacity and capability in health and social care research in Wales.

The report from the [Making Research Careers Work](#) review of career pathways in health and social care in Wales, published in February 2022, set out 17 recommendations with a view to improving opportunities across research career pathways for health and social care researchers in Wales.

The establishment of the Health and Care Research Wales Faculty is a key step in addressing these recommendations. As a core pillar of a national research career pathway, the Faculty provides support, guidance and training for all researchers, at all stages and across all professions. Its aim is to progress a collective health and social care researcher community who are assured of a supportive environment which enables them to conduct their research with impact and progress along their individual research career pathways. The Faculty and wider Research Careers Pathways programme of work will be led by Professor Monica Busse.

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Making research careers work



Personal awards

Health and Care Research Wales Faculty runs a number of widely accessible personal research award schemes for health and social care researchers across professions and at different stages of their careers.

These awards are designed to support capacity and capability building in health and social care research.

Find out more about the awards below

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Health and Care Research Wales Faculty personal awards



Our funded projects and awards

Health and Care Research Wales supports a range of personal research awards for health and social care researchers across professions and at different stages of their careers.

To find out more about the awards and projects Health and Care Research Wales have funded please see below.

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Supporting our members

If you are in receipt of a Health and Care Research Wales personal award, you automatically become a Faculty Member.

Being a Faculty member provides you dedicated support throughout your personal award. These will include opportunities such as:

- Faculty mentorship scheme
- Individualised training and development
- Networking and events

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Members

The Health and Care Research Wales Faculty is made up of researchers who hold a personal award funded by Health and Care Research Wales.

They represent a multitude of different topic areas and organisations across the country.

To find out more about our Faculty members please see below:



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News and blogs

Read the latest Health and Care Research Wales Faculty news and blogs.

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Events

Find out about a range health and social care research events happening in Wales and across the UK.

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A personal research career reflection



South East Wales
Trials Unit
Uned Ymchwil
De-ddwyrain Cymru



National Institute for
Health Research



Cynnwys Pob
Involving People



Researchers produce first
physiotherapy guidance for
Huntington's disease

28 February 2020



Professor Monica Busse



Centre for
Trials Research
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Mature student PhD 2002-2005

Post-doctoral Fellowship 2013-2017

Professor 2014



Today's Research, Tomorrow's Care
Ymchwil Iechyd, Gofal Yfory

“There is a word in South Africa – **Ubuntu** – a word that captures Mandela’s greatest gift: his recognition that we are all bound together in ways that are invisible to the eye; that there is a oneness to humanity; that we achieve ourselves by sharing ourselves with others and caring for those around us.”

Barack Obama at the memorial service for Nelson Mandela, December 2013

“A person is a person because of other people”

Agenda for the day

10:50 Keynote address:

A non-traditional research career pathway – [Dr Gita Ramdharry](#), Chair EDI committee, Department of Neuromuscular Diseases, University College London Institute of Neurology

11:35 Building resilience – [Dr Julia Townson](#), Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Trials Research

12:05 Lunch and networking

13:00 Building peer networks (interactive session)

13:45 Break

14:05 Skills session:

Diversity and inclusivity in public involvement: Considerations for designing authentic involvement across your study lifecycle – [Peter Gee](#), Senior Public Involvement Manager, Health and Care Research Wales

14:35 Skills session:

Personal development audits – [Hayley Reed](#), Research Associate, DECIPHER

15:20 Closing remarks – [Professor Kieran Walshe](#), Director, Health and Care Research Wales

Consultant Allied Health Professional
in neuromuscular diseases



Principle Investigator and Research
Leader



Equality, Diversity and Inclusion
activist for the Allied Health
Professions



Dr Gita Ramdharry

A non-traditional research
pathway



Dr Julia Townson

Building Resilience

Peter Gee

Diversity and
Inclusivity in Public
Involvement





Dr Hayley Reed

Personal
Development
Audits

Networking Opportunities: Please Introduce Yourself

- Faculty members (personal award holders including Health and Care Research Wales Senior Research Leaders).
- Professor Kieran Walshe, Director of Health and Care Research Wales.
- Michael Bowdery and Carys Thomas, Welsh Government Research and Development Division.
- Welsh Government Research and Development Division Grants Team.
- Health and Care Research Wales Faculty Administration Team.
- Health and Care Research Wales Support and Delivery Centre staff (training, communications).



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