

Portfolio GP Research posts 2022-23

The Wessex Clinical Research Network (CRN) in collaboration with the [Primary Care Research Centre](#) at the University of Southampton, and Health Education England is delighted to offer the opportunity to take up a Portfolio GP Research post tailored to your current GP work.

Who is this aimed at?

Are you a GP, working in a salaried post or a locum or as a GP partner in Wessex who is interested in research and would like to help deliver research in funded protected time? Would you like to help improve knowledge at the cutting edge of science whilst learning more about research delivery, design or other aspects of the research process?

What is involved?

You would be invited to become part of a research team and work with them on a regular weekly basis delivering research and getting involved in aspects of the research, e.g. consent, interventions, assessment, looking at data, conducting interviews, analysing data, developing study materials and outputs.

You will also have access to mentoring in primary care research and academic research to help you develop your research skills.

What time and funding is available?

A minimum of three sessions, potentially up to five sessions per week. At least one full day each week will be based in the same research setting to enable the GP to become fully involved in research delivery. This may be at one of the regional research hubs which were originally established from 2020 onward for Covid vaccine research.

Pay will be £12,000 per session of four hours inclusive of any NI and employer pension payments and will run for a period of 12 months from the start date of early January 2023. There is potential for the duration of this research role to extend depending on successful outcomes for the first year and any successful grant funding applications.

Where will it lead?

If you enjoy research and would like to pursue this further we would support you in seeking funding for future research work.

Can I reapply in subsequent years?

Participants who have previously taken part in the GP fellowship scheme at earlier stages or in the past can reapply in subsequent years – please outline in your supporting statement what you have gained so far and what you anticipate will be the benefits of further funding.

How do I apply?

Apply by 27th November 2022 by sending an email with the requirements below to Martine Cross, Research Delivery Manager; Email: martine.cross@nih.ac.uk

- (1) Short CV (2 sides A4) with a focus on previous research experience (if applicable -not essential)
- (2) Supporting statement explaining why you wish to apply (250 words, max 500)

Interview dates: 13th and 14th December 2022

Participating Organisations

The NIHR was established in 2006 to improve the health and wealth of the nation through research and is funded by the Department of Health and Social Care.

The NIHR plays a key role in the Government's strategy for economic growth, attracting investment by the life-sciences industries through its world-class infrastructure for health research.

The NIHR Clinical Research Network is led by a national Coordinating Centre and operates through 15 Local Clinical Research Networks (LCRNs) include [CRN Wessex](#). These local Networks support health research delivery across the locality, and champion the role of research in healthcare at every level.

The Southampton Primary Care Research Centre (PCRC)

PCRC is one of the world's leading primary care centres of research excellence, offering a spectrum of expertise in methodologies and a broad range of topic areas. In the 2021 REF we achieved the highest rating in our unit of assessment for outputs with a Grade Point Average of 3.71 and 94% considered as 'internationally excellent' or 'world leading'.

PCRC is part of the School of Primary Care, Population Sciences and Medical Education in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Southampton, giving us very close links with Public Health with shared interests in kidney disease, liver disease and alcohol misuse. We have particularly strong links with the Health Psychology group, and a very strong track-record of developing effective behavioural interventions for both patients and clinicians that really make a difference to patient care, as well as close collaborations with the Southampton NIHR Biomedical Research Centre in Nutrition and Respiratory Medicine, the Faculty of Health Sciences, Southampton Statistical Sciences Research Institute, and Computing Sciences within the University.

Our research provides new evidence to inform key challenges in primary care, including addressing major issues affecting population health. Our research currently focuses on areas such as: infections and antibiotics; long-term conditions; healthy ageing; and integrative healthcare.

We organise our research around four broad themes:

- [Supporting self-management](#)
- [Improving use of medicines](#)
- [Healthcare communication](#)
- [Diagnosis and prognosis](#)