



Wales Equality and Diversity in Health and Social
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Research News & Information

- **National Institute for Social Care and Health Research (NISCHR)**

Following the review commissioned by the Minister for Health and Social Services into the structure of R&D in Wales, the new structure of NISCHR was announced in December 2009. The new organisation will be called NISCHR. Previously responsibility for R&D policy and strategy in health and social care lay with WORD - a division of the Department of Public Health and Health Professionals (DPHHP) - and NISCHR was a planned 'virtual' organisation intended to undertake delivery functions of R&D in health and social care. As a result of combining WORD and NISCHR in one body, the civil service base will effectively be expanded to incorporate functions formerly intended for the virtual organisation. The strategic responsibilities of NISCHR will remain a discrete area within the new organisation to ensure the separation of functions where appropriate. NISCHR will be the Health and Social Care R&D Division in DPHHP. The use of the name National Institute for Social Care and Health Research (NISCHR) will be phased in but in the meantime the Wales Office of Research and Development (WORD) will be used to maintain continuity with our UK partners.

- **NISCHR Registered Research Groups**

As part of the recommissioning of the clinical research infrastructure in Wales, 17 groups were successful in achieving NISCHR Registered Research Group (RRG) status. This includes the 9 previous Thematic Research Networks, along with the Wales School of Primary Care Research, the Wales Cancer Trials Unit, a Patient Safety and Healthcare Quality group, and new groups in the areas of Cardiovascular Disease, Lung Disease, Kidney Disease, Arthritis and Chronic Musculoskeletal Conditions, and Microbiology and Infection. WORD will also support a medical imaging group which will work across the remits of a number of RRGs.

- **'Count me in' census 2009**

The 2009 report recommends that the NHS, councils and wider community bodies should work together to improve preventative services to ensure that they meet the mental health needs of people from black and minority ethnic (BME) groups. To reduce the risk of admission and detention, the report underlines the need for: (1) better needs assessments (2) bespoke community-based services.

As well as inpatients in mental health and learning disability services, the 2009 census also included people who were subject to a community treatment order (CTO) on the day of the census. As in other years, this year's 'Count me in' census shows that people from Black and White/Black mixed groups are three times more likely than the average to be detained under the Mental Health Act. There is also no evidence that admission rates among BME groups are declining. The Count me in census 2009 report can be downloaded at:

<http://www.cqc.org.uk/guidanceforprofessionals/healthcare/allhealthcarestaff/countmeincensus/countmeincensus2009.cfm>

- **BME groups and mental health**

The Afiya Trust is currently drafting a manifesto for mental health services for people from BME groups in response to the Department of Health's ['New Horizons'](#) strategy, which the trust feels signals the end of specific efforts to address inequalities in treatment between BME groups and the general population. The trust is also concerned about the conclusions of the [AESOP](#) project being exploited by far right groups following a comment piece on the BNP website. This comes in the wake of

the final publication of the '[Count Me in Census](#)' which concludes that after five years, the [Delivering Race Equality](#) strategy has led to little improvement in the outcomes for BME people in mental health treatment.

Research Funding Opportunities

- **CANCER RESEARCH UK - PROJECT GRANTS IN POPULATION SCIENCE**

Deadline: 25th June 2010

These support projects addressing clinical and public health epidemiology, educational and behavioural research in areas of prevention, screening and early diagnosis and clinical trials methodologies or statistics and proposals considering secondary effects of treatment. Applications will be accepted from scientists, clinicians or healthcare workers in UK universities, medical schools, hospitals and some research institutions. Applicants must have at least three years postdoctoral experience or equivalent, or a tenured post. Grants are awarded for periods of up to three years and there is no set funding amount. Website:

http://science.cancerresearchuk.org/gapp/population_science_funding/prc_project_grant/

- **Physiotherapy Research Foundation (PRF)**

This year's funding allocation to the PRF is 170,000 GBP for research grants on any topic relevant to physiotherapy. Applications should be made under one of 3 categories and 2 funding schemes: * Clinical: e.g. does the specified intervention improve outcome of physiotherapy for patients? * Educational: e.g. does the specified teaching method improve physiotherapists' (new graduates, advanced specialists, assistants/technicians) clinical reasoning skills? * Service delivery: e.g. does the specified clinical pathway (perhaps including self-referral or telephone access) improve patient satisfaction or patient outcomes? * Scheme A (up to 110,000 GBP) to support high quality research studies undertaken by experienced researchers * Scheme B (up to 20,000 GBP) to support new and novice researchers with supervisors using their role to develop the applicant's research skills and

increase research capacity within the profession. Website: <http://tinyurl.com/bfsmau>

Closing date for receipt of applications: 19 March 2010

Events

- **WEDHS Research Seminar**

Showcasing Patient's digital Stories: Black Minority ethnic health service users' experience of using hospital health service.

Date: Monday 8th March 2010, 12.00-1.30 p.m. (Lunch will be served at 12.00),

Venue: Room 223, Vivian Tower, Singleton Campus, Swansea University.

Presented by: Joy Merrell, Professor of Public Health Nursing and Ashra Khanom.

Story 1: *Spiritual wellbeing*

Story 2: *Learning to listen*

Story 3: *Appropriate care and waiting times*

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- **Two day Religious Diversity - Anti-Discrimination Course**

Dates: 3rd - 4th March 2010 **Times:** 9.30 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.

Venue: The Jasmine Centre, Treseder Way, Ely, Cardiff CS5 5BQ

Cost: £100 (price includes buffet and refreshments, certificate and course information pack)

Course Aims

This course aims to address diversity and discrimination issues related to religion and belief. Issues related to the diversity of religion and belief or non beliefs are becoming increasingly important today. Not only has this country become more religiously diverse, providing a rich opportunity for intercultural understanding, but that religious diversity has also become an undeniable aspect in many modern-day conflicts in intercultural relations. It is important to respect the development of individual religious and belief identities and at the same time to confront prejudice and discrimination. **For more details and booking form contact:**

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- **Culture, CAMHS and evidence based practice: Do they mix?**

Details and Booking Information.

This conference will encourage participants to address questions such as: Do NICE guidelines take enough account of the cultural and ethnic diversity which exists in the population of children and young people in the UK? The plenary presentations will be given by speakers who are mental health professionals with extensive experience in cross-cultural practice and the themed workshops in the afternoon will present specific pieces of work while encouraging participation and debate about the central issues.

Where: Tavistock Centre, London

When: 12 Mar 2010 09:00 - 16:45

Organiser: The Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust

Contactevents@tavi-port.org. Phone 020 8938 2548. Fax 020 7447 3837

- **RCN 2010 annual international nursing research conference**

Date: 11 - 13 May 2010,

Venue: The Sage Gateshead, North East England

Details of the conference etc are now on the conference website. Website:

<http://www.rcn.org.uk/research2010>

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