NHS Research Time Awards (NHS.RTA) 2019
Public Record of Funding Panel Recommendations –
28 November 2019

Introduction
The NHS Research Time Award is open to NHS Wales’ staff and contracted staff who are in primary, secondary or community care or public health. The award offers NHS staff the opportunity apply for protected time to engage in research activity, supporting Health and Care Research Wales’ aim of building research capacity and capability in NHS Wales.

NHS.RTA Panel Recommendations
The NHS.RTA Panel met on 28 November 2019 to consider seventeen applications. The Panel recommended six applications for funding (total amount: £392,611.64) subject to appropriate checks and amendments.

Funded Applications
All recommendations were subsequently approved by Health and Care Research Wales.

- NHS.RTA-19-03: Lynette James, Cardiff & Vale UHB
- NHS.RTA-19-09: Kieran Foley, Velindre University NHS Trust
- NHS.RTA-19-12: David Bosanquet, Aneurin Bevan UHB
- NHS.RTA-19-14: Eiriini Skiadaresi, Hywel Dda UHB
- NHS.RTA-19-16: Chris Subbe, Betsi Cadwaldr UHB
- NHS.RTA-19-20: Pasquale Inomminato, Betsi Cadwaldr UHB

NHS.RTA Panel Members in Attendance
Mr Michael Bowdery (Panel Chair) (non-scoring), Research & Development Division, Welsh Government
Sue Bale, Aneurin Bevan UHB
Julia Hiscock, Bangor University
Chris Fegan, Cardiff & Vale UHB
Zoe Hoare, Bangor University (in place of Paul Brocklehurst)
Steve Bain, Swansea Bay UHB
Lynne Grundy, Betsi Cadwaldr UHB
Nicola Williams, Health and Care Research Wales Support & Delivery Centre
Apologies
Alisha Davies, Public Health Wales
Nigel Rees, Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust
Paul Brocklehurst, Bangor University
Greg Fegan, Swansea University
Keir Lewis, Hywel Dda UHB

Conflict of Interest Policy

Health and Care Research Wales operates a conflict of interest policy both in relation to funding panel / board membership, and process and conduct during funding panel / board meetings. Details of these are set out below.

1. Following provisional selection, all funding panel / board members will be asked to complete a form and provide a CV capturing their institutional affiliations, areas of expertise and research interests. These will be held and collated by the Health and Care Research Wales Grants Team.

2. For each new funding call, information held by the Health and Care Research Wales Grant Team will be used to help identify potential conflicts of interest in relation to applications received.

3. A major conflict of interest occurs if a panel / board member:
   • is named on the form in a non-administration role
   • has a close personal or professional relationship with the applicant
   • is working on a current research project with an applicant as part of the same research team

4. Potential conflicts will be discussed with funding panel / board members and drawn to the attention of the Chair in advance of the meeting and in chairing notes.

5. The funding panel / board Chair will be responsible for managing the conflict of interest process at the meeting itself, and for taking appropriate action in response to known or declared conflicts.