

Research Funding Scheme: Social Care Grants Public Record of Funding Board Recommendations – 6 July 2016

Introduction

The *Research Funding Scheme: Social Care Grants* (RFS: SC) aim to support capacity-building in social care research by funding high-quality projects that will provide robust evidence with clear relevance to service users, carers and/or the organisation and delivery of effective social care services in Wales. This call also incorporated a themed brief which covered 'Predictive Modelling-Operational Research'.

RFS: SC Funding Board Recommendations

The RFS: SC Funding Board met on 6 July 2016 to consider 12 applications, two of which covered the Predictive Modelling-Operational Research. The Board recommended four applications for funding (one covered Predictive Modelling-Operational Research) subject to appropriate checks and amendments (total amount: £897,000).

Funded Applications

All recommendations were subsequently accepted by Health & Care Research Wales and the following projects funded.

General

- **Project Reference SC-16-1220:** Keeping safe? An analysis of the outcomes of work with sexually exploited young people in Wales (Sophie Hallett, Cardiff University)
- **Project SC-16-1223:** Evaluating the impact of a joint social care and NHS initiative to promote social participation and patient activation for older people in North Wales (Carys Jones, Bangor University)
- **Project SC-16-1224:** 'Creative Conversations': An exploratory study of an arts in health approach to embedding person-centred care and improving communication between care staff and people living with dementia (Katherine Algar, Bangor University)

Predictive Modelling-Operational Research (*Themed Call*)

- **Project SC-16-1237:** Social network analysis for modelling integrated social care services for older people with complex needs: a feasibility study (Alison Orrell, Bangor University)

Further information on these projects will be available in the Health and Care Research Wales Funded Projects Portfolio (to be published shortly).

Funding Board Members in Attendance

Professor Keith Lloyd (Chair), Swansea University
Professor Jonathan Scourfield (Deputy Chair), Cardiff University
Professor David Challis, University of Manchester
Dr Mike Clark, London School of Economics
Dr Paul Clarkson, University of Manchester
Professor Elaine Farmer, University of Bristol
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Further information on the RFS: SC Funding Board including current members, selection and Conflict of Interest policies are available at [insert link].