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ACF Public Health Programme Details in conjunction with The University of Liverpool

Post availability

There is one post available in **Public Health**

Overview

You can find generic information about Academic Clinical Fellowships in the North West plus links to the National Institute for Health Research's guidance via https://www.nwpgmd.nhs.uk/nihr-academic-clinical-fellowships-glance

The ACF will undertake research with the Health Inequalities Policy Research (HIP-R) group and the Children's Health Equity Research Group in the Department of Public Health, Policy and Systems at the University of Liverpool. Clinical public health training will be with the School of Public Health, Health Education England, Northwest. The ACF will have 25% protected research time to undertake preliminary work with the aim of acquiring experience and research outcomes to provide a strong application for a research fellowship or a clinical lectureship post. This will be a part of their training programme and will not lengthen their training period.

Appointees who are not successful in obtaining a research training fellowship after three years will be allowed to enter directly into the public health training programme in the deanery at an appropriate level. If this occurs, they will work in the same way as the other trainees on the programme and will no longer have the 25% of academic training time.

Academic Training

The successful applicant will have the opportunity to become involved with a number of research activities currently undertaken within the Health Inequalities Policy Research (HIP-R) Group, under the supervision of experienced Public Health PIs, Prof Benjamin Barr, Dr Phil McHale, Prof David Taylor-Robinson, Dr Michelle Black. Our vision is to improve health and reduce inequalities through the study of the determinants of health and wellbeing and the policies that impact them. Our leadership in applied health inequalities research directly influences policies locally, nationally and internationally. Our approach combines the development and use of data assets, the application of a broad range of evaluation methods, and meaningful policy engagement at all levels.

In addition, it is anticipated that the ACF's academic development will be supported through:

- Undertaking the Master of Public Health course at the University of Liverpool as part of the fellowship
- A programme of events including trainee forums and networking opportunities.
- Research Methods online modules which cover generic research skills such as presentation giving, writing grants and applying to ethics committees
- Our Mentorship scheme for ACFs

Research Areas / Research Environment

This is an opportunity to join the Health Inequalities Policy Research (HIP-R) group at the University of Liverpool: an energetic and thriving research team, internationally recognised for excellence in public health research with a shared concern for health equity as a defining ethos. HIP-R is led by Professors Barr, Taylor-Robinson and Rodgers and comprises over 50 researchers with >£35m grant funding from MRC, Wellcome Trust and NIHR.

We are leaders in health inequalities research, influencing policy nationally and internationally. We are a WHO Collaborating Centre for Policy Research on Determinants of Health Equity; the successful applicant may gain experience of global health advocacy working with the WHO Venice office to inform WHO recommendations. We have a track record of supporting Specialist Trainees and Clinical Lecturers with two clinical lecturers have gained Fellowships in the past 5 years (Wellcome Trust and MRC).

Health Inequalities are a major public health issue. Liverpool particularly has high levels of lifelong chronic disease and mental ill health, and stark inequalities. To inform post-COVID recovery, our Northern Health Science Alliance report and Child of the North report emphasised the importance of addressing inequalities across the life course. The ACF will have opportunities to get involved in a range of projects, informed by the trainees' interest. Project plan may include, but is not limited to:

Background: Young people who are not in education, employment or training (NEET) are an increasing policy concern due to their heightened risk of poor long-term health, social, and economic outcomes.
This research project will generate policy-relevant evidence on the drivers and consequences of becoming NEET across the life course. Many current policy initiatives relating to child health and wellbeing remain fragmented across governmental departments and policy domains. For example, rising child mental health problems and increasing numbers of young people becoming NEET are

often addressed separately despite sharing common upstream social and structural determinants. The proposed work will contribute evidence relevant to national policy priorities including prevention and early intervention, child poverty reduction, educational attainment, health inequalities, and wider government missions relating to opportunity, crime, and community safety.
This project will link with our funding streams including NIHR School for Public Health Research, NIHR Public Health Policy Research Unit, and the Liverpool Health Determinants Research Collaboration. This work also aligns closely with the UK Government's missions, the NHS Ten-Year Health Plan, and the ambition to create the "healthiest generation ever".

Aim: To generate policy-relevant evidence on the drivers and consequences young people becoming NEET (not in education, employment or training) across the life course.

Objectives:

- To examine the role of mental health problems, special educational needs, and educational disadvantage in increasing the risk of becoming NEET using population-based datasets including, for example, MCS, CIPHA, ECHILD and the SAIL Databank.
- To investigate inequalities in outcomes among young people who become NEET, including health, social care, and educational trajectories across adolescence and early adulthood.
- To model and simulate the potential impact of policies targeting key modifiable risk factors for becoming NEET.
- To work collaboratively with policy and practice partners to translate findings into policy-relevant recommendations and support implementation.

Research Facilities

HIP-R undertake cutting-edge analyses of linked datasets and cohorts including SAIL, Millennium Cohort Study, CPRD and PLDR. We have exciting new opportunities using the LifeCycle birth cohort studies; and locally using the Civic Data Cooperative and its COVID-19 expansion CIPHA.

The ACF will also benefit from access to a number of key Public Health Research initiatives, infrastructures and networks led by and involving the HIP-R group. These include:

- major strategic leadership roles in NIHR infrastructure: Applied Research Collaboration Northwest Coast, School for Public Health Research, Public Health Policy Research Unit, and Health Protection Research Unit (Gastrointestinal Infections)
- WHO Collaborating Centre for Policy Research on Determinants of Health Equity

- Wellcome Trust funded Children Growing up in Liverpool birth cohort
- Liverpool's membership of UNICEF Child Friendly Cities

Clinical Training

You can find out more about the clinical training programmes in the North West via the following link - https://www.nwpgmd.nhs.uk/specialty-schools

Clinical person specifications can be found via the following link - Person Specifications | Medical Hub

Useful Links
https://www.oriel.nhs.uk/Web/Vacancies
https://www.nwpgmd.nhs.uk/nihr-academic-clinical-fellowships-glance
https://medical.hee.nhs.uk/medical-training-recruitment/medical-specialty-training/person-specifications/person-specifications-2025
https://www.nwpgmd.nhs.uk/specialty-schools
https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/population-health/research/groups/health-inequalities-policy/
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