

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

Post availability

There is one post available in **Public Health, Paediatrics or General Practice**

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 in the Department of Public Health, Policy and Systems at the University of Liverpool and the NIHR Applied Research Collaboration North West Coast Public Health and Prevention theme. Clinical training will be with the relevant School, 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 Philip 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 for Public Health trainee's
- 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:

Rising numbers of child protection interventions and spiralling children's social care costs demands immediate response. Improving children's social care is a priority area for Liverpool City Council and national government.

This project will build on existing work around child protection and linked data, linking with:

- The NIHR funded Health Determinants Research Collaboration hosted by Liverpool City Council
- The NIHR Applied Research Collaboration Northwest Coast Public Health and Prevention and Social Care themes
- The Child in Need Research Development Network
- Two 'Three Schools' grants around Understanding Neglect and evaluating the Family Safeguarding Model and its integration with anti-poverty interventions
- UKRI funded grant CHES, which is evaluating the effect of Household Socioeconomic Support Programmes on health in the household
- The Applied Research Collaboration Northwest Coast, Population Health and Prevention theme

This project will utilise the mature linked data environment hosted as part of the Civic Health Innovation Labs.

Aims:

This project will focus on the use of routine children's social care data to assess the effectiveness of the social care system, such as mechanisms of care, in reducing escalation of child protection interventions. A secondary aim will be to use this data linked with NHS and programme data to assess whether the effectiveness of the social care system is modified by associated programmes (anti-poverty strategies provided by local government and health interventions) in reducing escalation of child protection interventions and improving household mental health.

The linked data resource provides a unique opportunity to assess these programmes for multiple health and social outcomes, and how programmes from different organisation may interact synergistically.

Objectives:

There are three objectives

1. Support the ACF with a doctoral funding application
2. ACF to support development of new Children's Social Care grant applications
3. Equip the ACF with the quantitative analysis skills for 'big data'

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 Determinant Research Collaboration Liverpool
- 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/>
<https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/population-health/about/public-health-policy-and-systems/research-themes/health-inequalities-policy-and-research/childrens-health-equity/>
<https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/people/david-taylor-robinson>
<https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/people/philip-mchale>
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