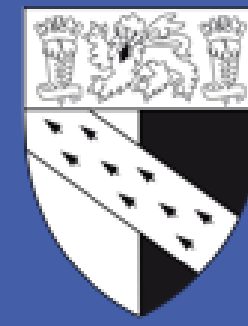


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(ENHANCING RESEARCH CAPACITY IN ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND SOCIAL WORK IN THE EAST OF ENGLAND: TESTING THE FEASIBILITY OF SOCIAL CARE RESEARCH IN PRACTICE TEAMS)

What is the SCRiPT study?

The SCRiPT study is funded by the National Institute of Health Research to test the Communities of Practice approach to support better use of research evidence in adult social care in Hertfordshire and Norfolk. The Communities of Practice will be called Research in Practice Teams. As well as setting up and supporting the Research in Practice Teams, the SCRiPT study team will carry out an evaluation to see if this model can mobilise research learning and promote the undertaking of research that reflects the priorities and challenges in Adult Social Care.

The study offers two Continuing Professional Development opportunities for social care/social work staff employed by Hertfordshire or Norfolk County Council to be part of one of four Research in Practice Teams (RiPTs) for two years from February/March 2022.

The Research in Practice Teams are open to those who would like to work at the interface of research and practice; develop an understanding of the research environment and develop skills to carry out research.

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Continuing professional development – two opportunities

Each RiPT will have one lead person and 4 to 5 other members.

This leaflet outlines the process and opportunity **for the lead person** in each of the four RiPTs – a role that will be back-filled for 2.5 days/week for two years.

The other roles in the RiPTs will be back-filled for 19 days over the two years and we will be circulating more information about this opportunity early January 2022

How it works:

- Funding for 2.5 days/week for two years (via backfill of salary)
- Bespoke training designed as an introduction to research methodologies and design .

Main aims:

- Enabling social care and social work practitioners to develop research skills through training and carrying out a research project.
- Understanding what resources are needed to support the development of research capacity in adult social care services using a team-based approach.

Who can apply?

The team lead role in the Research in Practice Teams is aimed at staff employed in Adult Social Care Services by Hertfordshire or Norfolk County Council. It is aimed at staff with enough seniority and experience to lead the team created as well as manage a research project. You will need to have a degree.

How to apply

Discuss with your line manager to get their **support**.

Access the webinar presentation on **our website** if you need more information.

Complete the SCRiPT **Expression of Interest form** by 8th November 2021
(Not completed the Expression of Interest Form? YOU CAN STILL APPLY)

Access the **application form and guidance** on our website

Submit your application by 26th November 2021

If shortlisted, **attend an interview** 15th or 17th December 2021

Success?
Start in February 2022!

Identifying a research topic

The SCRiPT study team have identified some topic areas in discussion with senior staff across the two counties.

However, applicants are invited to suggest their own topics.

- Investigating how drug and alcohol dependency may interact with frailty and cognitive impairment/dementia.
- Exploring online working/ virtual delivery of social care services going forwards (e.g. relationship building, safeguarding, ethical issues).
- Joining the Applied Research Collaboration East of England Fellowship programme of training and action learning sets.
- Designing and delivering a small research project on a topic of relevance to Adult Social Care.
- Leading a Community of Practice and supporting your team members.
 - Evaluating Discharge Home to Assess Pathways (or exploring family involvement in the discharge process; follow up interventions once discharged from the hospital).
 - Self-neglect/hoarding (e.g. do safeguarding responses work?; the challenges of multi-agency interventions; working with clients who do not wish to engage limitations to our interventions if the person does not wish to engage).
 - Assistive technology (this could address any number of topics such as technology-enabled care; virtual assessments; digital record keeping; digital innovations).

Support for the research team lead

Each team will be supported throughout by the SCRiPT study academics and senior practitioners. The user-led organisation, Shaping Our Lives, will support the RiPTs to ensure experts by experience are involved in the projects and the resulting research is inclusive and relevant for local users of social care services.

Any questions?

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