

PATIENT SAFETY DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

For the brightest clinicians, practitioners, and methodologists in patient safety

The National Institute for Health and Care Research Newcastle Patient Safety Research Collaboration (NIHR PSRC) carries out research with the goal of improving healthcare safety where there are inequalities for those from disadvantaged communities. Listening to patients, public and practitioners, taking their experiences into consideration from design to evaluation, strengthens our research. Collaborating with a range of partners with expertise in the field further benefits patients and professionals.

Experts from Newcastle University, working with Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals (NUTH) and partner organisations will deliver visible research resulting in real-world, transformative change for patient safety and health outcomes for those with multiple long-term conditions (MLTCs). Strategic patient safety challenges will be addressed around:

- Patient safety behaviours
- Effective patient safety practices
- Clinical risk scores (validation, implementation and outcomes).

At Newcastle PSRC, we seek to bring together a dynamic, diverse, growing community of health and care researchers and professionals – and to collectively build capacity in patient safety innovation, research and care related to multiple long-term conditions. We emphasise sustainable, integrated career pathways for future patient safety research leaders, from diverse and complementary professional backgrounds.

These awards are a development opportunity for:

- To gain regular interaction opportunities with researchers, and clinical and practitioner academics, from different disciplines across career stages.
- To access information about opportunities for further formal research training and support for preparing your onward funding application.
- To network with other, existing patient safety studentship and other award holders.
- To receive mentoring for next career steps and related funding opportunities.
- To participate at monthly support and training meeting to build research capacity.
- To access Newcastle University development opportunities, seminars and workshops.

Expected outputs:

- An fellowship funding application submitted to an external funder e.g. NIHR pre-doctoral or doctoral award.

Up to £15,000 to support salary and training is available for up to 12 months, usually 1-3 days a week, according to the applicant development needs and preferences.

To be eligible, the applicant must be in an existing employment and their employer must be willing to support the application. Applications from within the NHIP organisations are particularly encouraged.

The applicant will have a genuine passion for getting involved in research and a long-term desire to grow as a researcher, as well as a clinician or practitioner where applicable. These predoctoral awards are the early step on a further career path, with more senior options usually through

externally funded fellowships. They are aimed at people with limited formal research training (individuals who have completed a PhD are not eligible to apply).

We strongly encourage those considering of applying to discuss their application with one of the Academic Career Development Leads for the Newcastle Patient Safety Research Collaborative:

- Professor Annette Hand: annette.hand2@nhs.net
- Dr Niina Kolehmainen: niina.kolehmainen@newcastle.ac.uk

How to apply

Applicants should complete the expression of interest form, below, and submit, by 1st July 2024, by emailing it to psrc@newcastle.ac.uk . **Please note that applications will not be considered if they are incomplete, including applications that do not have a finance and manager signature.**

The latest possible date for successful applicants to take up their award is September 2024.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) SUMMARY FORM (max 2 pages)

*This form should be completed in 11 point Tahoma text. No alterations to the page margins should be made. The Eoi should start with this page and not exceed a total of two pages; applications exceeding this will not be considered. Applicants should complete all sections of the form – individual sections do not have word limits. The third page should include CV details of the applicant, and the relevant signatures. Incomplete applications will **not** be considered.*

Topic of interest (delete all but one):

Artificial intelligence (AI) & data science in multiple long-term conditions

Our primary objective is to discern risk patterns at both the population and individual patient levels, providing a new lens to view and understand patient health.

Safer management of polypharmacy in MLTCs

Research within this theme will seek to understand what intervention works, for who and in what context to enhance safety where multiple medications are in use.

Safer integrated health and social care environments

Looking at how risk management can be improved by identifying where risks occur as patients transition between different care settings.

Safer management of MLTCs in disadvantaged communities

This theme will explore barriers and inequalities in areas such as cancer diagnostic services and unmet care needs in people experiencing homelessness.

Applicant name and email address:

Employing organisation:

Discipline/Profession:

Educational qualifications since leaving school (year, qualification obtained, institution):

What are your specific learning objectives for this development opportunity?

What would you like the next step after this opportunity to be, and how will this opportunity help you to take these steps?

What relevant experience (patient safety, research, clinical/practice, leadership) do you bring to this opportunity?

End of Eol page 2 only applicant CV, and finance and manager signatures, should follow

Summary CV for the applicant – max 2 pages

SIGNATURES AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION (max 1 page)

Supporting statement from employer (we recommend this is from a senior line manager):

Senior line manager's signature:

Name:

Job title:

Date:

Declaration from applicant:

I confirm that the information given on this form is true, complete and accurate and no information requested or other material information has been omitted

Applicant's signature:

Name:

Job title:

Date:

Finance:

*The award can be used for the applicant's time (salary costs) and any formal training courses (fees).
No research or consumables can be requested.*

Proposed start date for taking up the award:

Number of days proposed to dedicate on the opportunity:

Proposed end date:

Total cost requested (maximum £15,000):

The name, job title, and email address of the person who has supported you to prepare these costings

Name:

Job title:

Email: