Welsh Nursing Care Record: An evaluation of impacts and benefits

Clinical Academic Programme - Masters by Research Award (Fellowship)

Bangor University, School of Medical and Health Sciences

Application Deadline: 5pm 12th, August 2021

Project Description:

Are you interested in completing practice-related research at Master’s level, focused on the implementation of the innovative digital Welsh Nursing Care Record project? If you are then why not apply to be a Postgraduate Research Master’s student at Bangor University in partnership with Digital Health and Care Wales.

This is an excellent opportunity in partnership with Digital Health and Care Wales for a funded part-time secondment to complete an exciting project exploring the impacts of the digital Welsh Nursing Care Record, whilst also completing a Masters by Research Award as part of a clinical academic programme (Fellowship) at Bangor University. This focuses on access to excellent support within the Post Graduate Research provision at Bangor University, as well as the completion of an online Research Methods module (Level 7) as part of the training programme. The clinical academic Fellowship programme also includes tailored mentorship to develop your research and scholarship skills.

The NHS Wales Welsh Nursing Care Record project is sponsored by the Chief Nursing Officer for Wales and the Director of Technology, Digital and Transformation Welsh Government. Over the last three years, the project has focused on the standardisation of the nursing documents and development of a digital application. The first phase of documents digitised included the adult inpatient assessment and six risk assessments. Work is ongoing to standardise and digitise an additional 17 nursing documents in phase 2. The pilots took place in wards across seven Health Boards in Wales and the Velindre NHS Trust between February and March 2020; then the live application was released in April 2021, and it is live within three of the Health Boards and one Trust. The Masters by Research project will provide an important additional source of information for the broader Welsh Nursing Care Record evaluation programme.

In summary, this project will involve a scoping review, secondary data analysis of survey data, stakeholder interviewing and conducting focus groups. The project will be embedded as part of the wider evaluation of the Welsh Nursing Care Record (hospital).
This is a part-time (flexibly one to two days per week depending on your circumstances) research opportunity to complete a Masters by Research as part of a clinical academic programme, with the fees and research costs provided by Welsh Government through the Digitisation of Nursing Documentation project. The successful candidate will be supervised by Dr John Alcock and Dr Sion Williams within the School of Health Sciences in Bangor University. The supervision will be completed remotely through an established online protocol and there is no expectation for the successful candidate to be located on-campus at Bangor University.

Interested applicants are invited to contact Dr Sion Williams hss042@bangor.ac.uk or Dr John Alcock j.alcock@bangor.ac.uk for an informal discussion about this exciting opportunity.

Formal applications will involve a CV and covering letter sent via email to Dr Sion Williams by 5pm 12th August 2021. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to an online interview. The project will start 1st September 2021 and end 31 August 2022.