

# Research Management as a Profession



## Wessex Institute

- Managing applied health research programmes
- Maximising the impact of research
- Creating evidence for decision-makers
- Making a difference to society through research



We exist to make a difference to society through health research and the way it is prioritised, funded, managed, disseminated and used. As an enterprise unit in the Faculty of Medicine, the Wessex Institute is an important component of the University of Southampton.

The Wessex Institute was founded more than 20 years ago. The vision was to provide expert management and provision of high-quality, practice-based research to support decision-makers in health and healthcare. We are home to a growing number of nationally important, internationally recognised centres.

The grouping of centres within the Institute enables us to bring together the knowledge and experience of all of us. Working across the contracts we hold, we provide a broad range of expertise in health and care research and research management.

Our team includes specialists in a number of disciplines including health research, information management, finance, contracting, public and patient involvement and communications. We are internationally renowned for our expertise in delivering added-value health research management.

## AN OVERVIEW OF OUR WORK

### **NIHR Evaluation, Trials and Studies Coordinating Centre (NETSCC)**

NETSCC manages evaluation research programmes and activities for the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR), and plays an important role in improving the health and wealth of the nation through research.

### **Southampton Health Technology Assessments Centre (SHTAC)**

SHTAC is a leading academic centre for health technology assessment. Its research addresses major policy questions on the use of drugs, devices, procedures, screening programmes, health promotion and public health, and other interventions.

### **NIHR Dissemination Centre**

Increasing the impact of research and how evidence is used, by ensuring that findings are made available to the right people in the right places and at the right times.

### **Health and Care Research Wales funding schemes**

The Wessex Institute hosts the Grant Administration Team which manages the process for allocating research funding in the NHS and social care in Wales and monitors the progress of the projects on behalf of Health and Care Research Wales.

### **NIHR INVOLVE**

We host the INVOLVE co-ordinating centre funded by the NIHR to support active public involvement in NHS, public health and social care research.

### **Consultancy and Programme Management**

Our experts are delivering consultancy projects both in the UK and internationally for a range of clients, such as impact assessments for charities and scientific support for policy forums.

# WORKING WITH US

Based within the University of Southampton Science Park in Chilworth, the Wessex Institute offers a green, pleasant and spacious working environment with good transport access, including a regular commuter bus link and free on-site parking.

Our work is made possible by a strong team who are committed to supporting the development of health research within the UK and at a global level.

We welcome people from many professional fields, and would be particularly interested in meeting you if you have a background in health, research management, the NHS, grant administration or project management

When you work for the Wessex Institute, you are also an employee of the University of Southampton which is in the top one percent of universities in the world.

This means you enjoy all the benefits of being a University employee including:

- Generous holiday allowance including university closure days.
- Full access to all University facilities such as subsidised gym membership, childcare voucher scheme, and cycle to work scheme
- Excellent career development and training opportunities.
- Structured pay scales and career development pathways
- Generous contributory pension
- Opportunities for flexible working

Chilworth Science Park conservation area... "a unique environment to go for a lunchtime walk."





Our collaboration room is a great place to share ideas and draw from each other's knowledge and expertise.

NIHR research nurses working at one of the studies we manage.



## OUR VALUES

### Our work is underpinned by four values.

#### Collaboration

Working with others, sharing skills, knowledge and experience, learning from each other, developing trust, and contributing to the wider goals and objectives.

#### Delivery

Being accountable for fulfilling our obligations and promises to stakeholders in a timely, efficient way. Improving ways of working and demonstrating flexibility in our approach to new challenges.

#### Excellence

Identifying and meeting stakeholder expectations, finding creative approaches to deliver to an appropriate and agreed level of quality, and in doing so maintaining pride in the Wessex Institute and a reputation for achievement.

#### Knowledge

Actively building our understanding of the research sector and keeping up to date in our areas of expertise. Sharing and using knowledge to strengthen the Wessex Institute's research management capability.

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