# Research Fellow or Senior Research Fellow

#### School of Health Sciences

Location:  **Highfield Campus, Southampton**  
Salary:   **£34,980 - £51,283 per annum**  
**Full Time (1.0 FTE) Fixed Term (36 months)** (Flexible working, part-time/ job share will be considered)  
Interview Date:   **To be confirmed**  
Reference:  

**University of Southampton**

**School of Health Sciences**

**Based on Highfield Campus, University of Southampton, Southampton**

We wish to appoint a Research Fellow or Senior Research Fellow to support research into sudden and unexpected deaths in infancy and childhood.

This project, called QUINTET, is the first of its kind, and has national reach involving multiple stakeholders. Families often do not have ready access to support and care after the sudden death of their child, and professionals supporting families can be at risk for mental distress and also lack support. This is the first study focusing on really understanding experiences and needs.

The research work will focus understanding the needs and experiences of families, to develop recommendations for robust bereavement support and care. In parallel we will investigate what services are available and how families can access these. The work will also focus investigating the experiences of needs of professionals. The project will involve qualitative data collection, mapping of services and working with professionals. The project will also have a policy element to ensure that the work leads to actual future change.

You will have a relevant PhD or equivalent research-related qualifications and experience in a relevant area and a keen interest in the field of health and related areas of mental health and wellbeing. Excellent organisational and communication skills are also essential for this role, and the ability to travel to selected locations. This post is full time (1.0 FTE), funded by NIHR, for 36 months. Flexible working, part-time/ job share will be considered.

The post will be at the level of Research Fellow or Senior Research Fellow, depending on qualifications and previous experience.

Informal enquiries are very welcome. Please contact Professor Anne-Sophie Darlington ([A.Darlington@soton.ac.uk](mailto:A.Darlington@soton.ac.uk)) or Dr Katherine Hunt ([K.J.Hunt@soton.ac.uk](mailto:K.J.Hunt@soton.ac.uk)) for further information.