

## Community Nursing Research Strategy for Wales

### Notes of meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013 at Ty Maeth

Approved by Board: 14/01/2014

1. **Present:** Joyce Kenkre (Chair), Sue Bale, Ruth Davies, Greg McKenzie, Joy Merrell, Tom Powell, Sue Thomas, Carolyn Wallace, Lucie Warren, Angela Watkins (minutes), Caroline Williams.
2. **Apologies:** Marie Bodycombe-James (Swansea University), Judith Carrier (Cardiff University), Sian Griffiths (PHW), Frances Hill (ABMU), Billie Hunter (Cardiff University), Jane Imperato (Cardiff & Vale), Kay Jeynes (Cardiff & Vales UHB), Jill John (Swansea University), Maggie Kirk, Marnel Owen (BCUHB), Marie Lewis (Powys tHB), Nicola Lewis (ABMU), Joanne Pike & Debbie Roberts (Glyndwr), Ann-Marie Rowlands (BCUHB), Tanya Spriggs (Blaenau Gwent & Caerphilly), Michelle Thomas (Glyndwr), Dianne Watkins (Cardiff University).

3. **Update**

The WSPCR was requested to organise a **research masterclass** for the Directors of Nursing from all the Welsh Health Boards on Friday 11th September. It was funded by the Health Minister and attended by the CNO. It also included the Head of the NISCHR and the manager of AHSC. The masterclass included the presentation of the Welsh Community Nurse Research Strategy which aims to raise the quality and quantity of research in Community Nursing in Wales. The workshop also generated further areas for research activity/priority. Presentations and further information from the event is available to view online:

<http://www.wspcr.ac.uk/crns-masterclass-sep-2013.php>

An action plan is currently being drafted to take this forward, and will be shared at a meeting, to be held 25<sup>th</sup> October.

The team have been asked to hold another masterclass for the allied health executives for Wales (date tbc).

Cwm Taff HB are developing a questionnaire to be sent out to all staff to gauge past experience and future interest in research. ABMU may also follow this.

- a. **Network**

The CNR network is growing. Community nurses interested in finding out about getting involved in research or supervision can sign up to the network via:

<http://www.wspcr.ac.uk/join-researcher-network.php>

There are also posters and postcards being published to promote the CNR network at events / workplaces etc. PDF versions of these are available to download from the website.

Action: CW to draft Welsh/bilingual versions of the materials.

- b. **Pilot Money**

2 community nursing pilot study applications have been awarded from WSPCR flexible funding scheme:

‘Developing Quality Care Metrics for Community Specialist Nurses in Rural Wales’.  
Deborah Roberts.

'North Wales Pressure Ulcer Prevention and Intervention Service (PUPIS): Pilot study to explore the feasibility and acceptability of Tele-PUPIS in the Community Setting.'  
Fiona Irvine.

There are still funds available and CW is working with C&V to submit a pilot application for point of care testing for INR.

c. **Strategy Support**

£70K WSPCR funding has also secured for Carolyn Wallace to provide strategic support as academic nurse community lead for the Community Nursing Research Strategy (2 days/week). Possible option to request match funding from the General Nursing Council Trust.

Angela Watkins is also providing some admin / communications / event support. The WSPCR also has expertise to support grant application writing / costing. Other ideas for developing strategy support are welcome.

d. **Web page:** <http://www.wspcr.ac.uk/community-nursing-research.php>

There has been further development of the web pages, which now include dedicated pages for: PhD studies; Publications; Research; Network; News; Useful Links. Network members are invited to send content to WSPCR Communication & Support Officer, Angela Watkins (watkinsA6@cardiff.ac.uk)

Noted: Dissemination is needed to share research findings and get feedback.

Action: AW to add thesis titles of Masters & PhDs to the last 5-10 years to site; as well as suggestions for topics / research questions, where there is a research gap, and potential topic areas to take forward.

e. **Information packs** needed for the disseminating information about the group to organisations and individuals through events such as the CNO and public health conference.

Update: CNRS branded folders have been printed and Carolyn Wallace is currently working on finalising the content for the packs.

f. **1<sup>st</sup> Conference**

Noted: Sue Thomas has already held a CNR conference in 2011. It would be possible to partner up with RCN, RCM, Healthcare Forum and Practice Nurse Association to help encourage participation.

Barriers to attending – some staff may have to take a day's leave to attend.

It would be good to hold the conference Autumn 2014 to reflect on progress one year in. Poster presentations would be useful in attracting participation from students, as well as generating ideas.

**Action:** Sue Thomas to look into possible dates for the conference, which will not clash with other HB or national conference events.

**Action:** It would also be useful to have a presence at the CNO's Day (22 May 2014). Ruth Davies to see if this is possible.

**g. Outcome Metrics**

Action: To be re-visited next meeting.

**h. Developing European and international networks** must be a priority in order to develop research bids.

Action: To be re-visited next meeting.

**i. Theme Leads**

Action: To be re-visited next meeting.

**4. AOB**

**CRNS Action Plan** – to include the issue of workforce planning to be addressed in order to allow those interested in getting involved in research to be able to do so; 'Culture' – workplace culture needs to be supportive of staff getting involved in research and facilitate staff to do so;

Those interested in submitting a bid should consult research support to ensure that evaluation is included and budgeted for in the application from the outset;

Mapping exercise (to include school nurses)

- **Bevan Commission** – currently putting together primary care and medical workforce report for WG – opportunity to inform community nursing aspects.

Action: Joy Merrell to find out what opportunities we have to feed into the report.

- **Funding opportunities** – SARTRE Alliance Health Technology Challenge Pilot open <http://www.sartre.ac.uk/?q=health-technology-challenge-pilot>

SER Cymru NRN in Life Sciences and Health

<http://www.cf.ac.uk/phrmy/staffinfo/CMG/LSN/LSN/NRN.html>

- **PhDs** - Possible to engage with HEIs to suggest ideas for evaluation research for PhD students e.g. maths students. A project brief would be required outlining research question, research gap, methodology, access to clinical staff/data. Such research would add to the evidence base and strengthen potential future bids.

The potential pitfalls regarding newly qualified 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> year nurses taking on a PhD e.g. skills gained are not always valued clinically.

Clinical academic career pathways need to be considered e.g. incorporating joint appraisals. JK is currently in discussion regarding this, it would be useful to address in a meeting with the CNO.

**Action:** PhD student case studies such as Nick West and Jackie Austen would be useful in highlighting the principles which work well / what we can learn from e.g. employer engagement to re-integrate the student upon completion of their PhD (CW/AW).

**Action:** JK to lead framework development work for key areas of potential PhD research topics.

- Board membership – it would be good to have a consultant nurse on the Board.

5. **Date of next meetings:** all held RCN building Ty Maeth, time 10:00-12:00.

14<sup>th</sup> January 2014

16<sup>th</sup> April 2014

9<sup>th</sup> July 2014

8<sup>th</sup> October 2014

6. **Vice Chair appointment**

Action: Invite suggestions from members when circulating minutes.