

## Community Nursing Research Strategy for Wales

**Notes of meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016, 11:00-13:00 at University of South Wales, Aneurin Bevan Building, Room AB115, Lower Glyn Taf Campus, Pontypridd CF37 4DB.**

**Approved 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016.**

1. **Present:** Sue Bale (AB UHB), Sian Bolton (PHW, in place of Rhiannon Beaumont-Wood), Neil James (USW), Joyce Kenkre (Chair / USW / PRIME Centre Wales), Maggie Kirk (USW), Paul Labourne (WG), Greg McKenzie (Cwm Taf), Lindsey Peddle (Cardiff Flying Start – attending in place of Jane Imperato), Anthony Porter (ABM ULHB, attending in place of Tanya Spriggs), Michelle Thomas (USW), Angela Watkins (Minutes / PRIME Centre Wales), Carolyn Wallace (USW / PRIME Centre Wales), Caroline Williams (Hywel Dda UHB)

**Teleconference:** Marie Lewis (Powys THB)

**Apologies:** Judith Carrier (CU), Jane Imperato (Cardiff & Vale UHB), Adrian Jones (BCUHB), Janet Quarmby (BCUHB), Tanya Spriggs (ABM ULHB), Sue Thomas (USW), Jean White (WG), Welcome and Introductions (Apologies)

2. **Notes of the last meeting**

The notes of the last meeting taken 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015 were reviewed, and correction made to present attendees (Caroline Williams noted in present and apologies).

3. **Matters Arising**

- a. Discussions are underway between JK and Judith Carrier to establish formal links between PRIME Centre Wales and Wales Centre for Evidence Based Care (WCEBC) (<http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/healthcare-sciences/research/collaborations/wales-centre-for-evidence-based-care>), funded by Joanna Briggs Institute. WCEBC conducts internationally excellent reviews and strategic research using multidisciplinary collaborative teams. (The Community Nursing Research Strategy group (CNRS) is supported by PRIME Centre Wales).

**ACTIONS:**

- i. JK to table proposal at PRIME Centre Wales Operational Group meeting.
- ii. ALL to consider how CNRS research can further link up with the WCEBC, Joanna Briggs Institute; Potential future training opportunities in systematic reviewing.
- b. Researcher network activities – It is very helpful to receive updates and photos of CNRS network member activities e.g. conference presentations, events etc. for illustrating community nursing research in Wales and publishing to the PRIME Centre Wales twitter feed: <https://twitter.com/PRIMECentre>

**ACTION:** ALL CNRS network members to send photos and descriptive summaries where/when possible to: Angela Watkins, [info@primecentre.wales](mailto:info@primecentre.wales)

4. **Report on Coordinator activity this quarter (Carolyn Wallace)**

- a. Summary: The focus for the reporting period Oct-Dec 2015 has been the on participating in completing studies and increasing publications. Note that CW was on leave for most of December.
- b. Network

- i. Development of PRIME Centre Wales Social Care Research Strategy and Long Term Conditions Research Strategy- Oct and Nov 2015.
- ii. Link meeting Marie Curie Research Centre and arrange meeting for them with Hydra Minerva Suite
- c. Research
  - i. Sue Thomas – PhD completing writing up stage, to submit Jan 2016. Link to District Nurse Workload and Workforce Group.
  - ii. Sue Dunlop – Children Nurses Continuing Care all Wales group. Study on managing a complex caseload. Support given for ethical approval, pilot study and commencing study data collection.
  - iii. PhD by Portfolio – Paul Labourne to submit proposal Jan 2016.
  - iv. KESS 2 MRES (possible PhD) Studentship application success completed with Calan DVS to commence 2016.
  - v. Supervisor for Freya Davies, Cardiff University.
- d. Application to Portfolio
  - i. JK & CW supported a PhD student publication on Ebola (Dec 2015, article accepted).
  - ii. CW/JK Poster Public Health Wales Conference Nov 2015.
- e. Leadership
  - i. Rebecca Aylward Cwm Taf – research and funding advice.
  - ii. CW Vice Chair Age Cymru Gwent since December 2015.
  - iii. CW - Chair Policy Forum for Integrated health and social care conference – Cardiff Oct 2015
  - iv. Presentation to WG FRAIT development.
  - v. ‘Step up to Management’ – first level 4 University Certificate Care Council for Wales (CCfW) development/bid success/ evaluation
- f. See document for full details of other activities and bids in development:



CNRS Coordinator report  
05.01.16.docx

- g. Capturing other network activities / outputs / projects / publications
  - i. All known CNRS activities and outputs are listed on the webpages:  
<http://www.primecentre.wales/community-nursing.php>
  - ii. **ACTION:** ALL to send any items for inclusion to be sent to AW:  
[info@primecentre.wales](mailto:info@primecentre.wales)
  - iii. A wider discussion was also held regarding the capturing of active research activities including MRES projects, PhD projects, service improvement and evaluation projects, being conducted by community nurses across Wales. Information for projects adopted by HBs can be obtained from R&D offices with an integration of databases with key words, there is no central repository to gauge an overview of all other activities e.g. projects not adopted by HBs. This resource would be useful in gauging what work has already been done (avoiding duplication when developing new projects), and to allow for building on the existing knowledge base (using findings from completed projects to inform the development of new projects). There may also be completed student project

thesis which have further potential for publications in peer reviewed journals. A joint agreement / framework may be required for students to report back to HBs on results of research following completion of courses, in order to maximise potential for dissemination (e.g. publications) and to gauge impact e.g. implementation to practice. A strategic approach is needed to identify key themes for future research (identifying the knowledge gaps), to inform the development of student projects.

- iv. **ACTION:** CW to liaise with GM and PL to consider how best to progress the development of a framework for capturing active and completed research projects.
- v. There is also uncertainty regarding where social care research projects should be adopted: HBs / ADSS (Associations of Directors of Social Services), it makes sense to have a joint system. This will have implications for the new Health and Care Research Wales School for Social Care Research.
- vi. **ACTION:** Clarity to be sought regarding the correct procedure on the adoption of social care research projects (JK/CW).

## 5. CNRS updates

- a. CNRS Portfolio Studies
  - i. General discussion around raising the awareness of the benefits of registration onto the Clinical Research Portfolio and adoption of study by R&D HB. Registration is central to the allocation of Activity Based Funding; obtaining NHS support costs for studies and accessing Health and Care Research Wales resources such as:
    - Health and Care Research Wales Workforce support
    - A dedicated team of trained research professionals, who provide research support to studies across Wales
    - Health and Care Research Wales Training Programme
  - ii. Further detail available at: <http://www.healthandcareresearch.wales/get-your-study-on-the-clinical-research-portfolio/>
  - iii. **ACTION:** ALL consider the potential benefit of planning a roadshow to raise awareness and understanding of the process to senior researchers. For example, it's important that university researchers with honorary contracts with HBs state this at the time of application for adoption to portfolio in order for eligibility to access the available funding.
  - iv. Supporting research to publication – the CNRS is keen to support junior researchers in publishing their researcher.
  - v. **ACTION:** ALL to consider if it would be beneficial to apply for funding to host a 'Meet the editors' workshop.
- b. Developing Industry research – Current bids and projects
  - i. SEWAHSP/ CW, Robyn Davies/TBS UK  
Care home Developing bid  
Financial support for scoping bid from Cwm Taf (£1.4k approx) secured.  
Owain Jones currently undertaking the study.

- ii. JK/CW - TBS UK  
COPD Integrated Pathway  
Cwm Taf / SE England / Aneurin Bevan  
Costs for development work including protocol and baseline data  
Discussions in Dec. Developing proposal for Jan start.
  - iii. Developing and growing industrial collaborations is part of the remit of PRIME Centre Wales. Potential benefits of industrial collaborations include the opportunity to test and evaluate the latest equipment in practice, for example supporting the management of long term conditions in the community.
  - iv. ACTION: JK to draft a list of industrial companies interest in research collaborations, for general consideration of CNRS Board.
  - v. SEWHASP update: A new major innovation initiative is underway, overseen by the office of Economy, Science and Transport, to develop an interactive /searchable web-based portal, allowing users to active and completed innovation based research project. This aim is to help in avoiding duplication of innovation work, identifying gaps, and sharing best practice.
  - vi. ACTION: SB to request Sue Bevan sends details of project brief for further information.
- c. Bevan Commission – no updates.

## **6. Future projects or collaborations**

- a. PRIME Centre Wales/Cardiff University/ Swansea and USW/Rachel North (CW & JK)  
Community Based Age-related Macular Degeneration-Evaluation of Pilot sites in Wales  
Welsh Government to fund. Outline evaluation design and costs submitted £100k approx.  
Full protocol and Financial Economic Costing (FEC) now being developed. Site visits.
- b. See coordinator report for others.

## **7. CNRS Research themes and leads:**

Proposed themes from the Community Nursing for Wales Research Strategy:

<http://www.primecentre.wales/cnrs-research.php>

- a. Organisational change and service redesign
- b. Nursing roles
- c. Skill mix
- d. Evidence and outcomes
- e. Education and development
- f. Long-term care (JK/CW leading WP in PRIME Centre Wales)
- g. Occupational health
- h. Patient safety
- i. Patient and user perspectives

Noted: Volunteers for leads needed in each of the themes to help drive forward research. Support can be provided by CNRS. Discussion needed to what role would involve and how to drive research forward. The roles are likely to involve supporting early career researchers, nurturing development.

- i. **ACTION:** C Wallace / J Kenkre to develop a brief summary / bullet point list for each theme to provide an outline of what is required in the role. Put call out on network / website / twitter.

Welsh Government are also working on this area – important to link in with for informing and driving policy. RCBC have also been working on re-visiting their themes for re-funding application.

- ii. **ACTION:** Once leads have been assigned to themes, CW to link them in with PB for further linking in with Welsh Government leads.

## 8. Next CNRS Conference

- a. The next CNRS conference will be held in autumn 2016 (bi-annual) – need to start planning now. Organising of previous meeting was kindly led by ST (happy to help on this occasion, but not lead). An initial planning meeting has been scheduled by Ceri Jenkins (USW, admin support to CW/JK).
  - i. Conference planning team members volunteered to date: Judith Carrier (CU), Paul Labourne (WG).
  - ii. Others volunteered this meeting: Sian Bolton (PHW), Marie Lewis (Powys THB), Greg McKenzie (Cwm Taf), Caroline Williams (Hywel Dda).
- b. ACTION:
  - i. JP to check with Deborah Roberts/ others would like to be involved and let CW know.
  - ii. CW to ask Ceri Jenkins <ceri.jenkins@southwales.ac.uk> to schedule initial planning meeting.
- c. Possible to co-opt students to help with logistics on the day.
- d. Arrangements will be dependent upon available budget.
- e. ACTION: C Wallace to write to Rhiannon Beaumont-Wood, PHW, to find out if there is a possibility for programme support (logistical and funding).

## 9. AOB

- a. Network – 250+ signed up to CNRS network for news & updates.  
ACTION: AW liaise with CW to draft a message to network members, asking them to confirm if they would like to remain in the network, check usage (e.g. ask if they have ever followed-up on a circulated funding opportunity), and ask what information they are most interested in receiving; confirm contact details are up to date, give details of current research activities, and to align their research interests again CNRS themes.
- b. Noted - JK has written to Jean White regarding community nursing links with the other UK countries. England is looking to develop a new community nursing research strategy. NI would like to link in with Wales (JK has met with Sonja McIlpatrick, Lead Clinical Co-ordinator of the Community Nursing Service for Children and Young People, South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust Board, N Ireland). Awaiting response from Scotland. Links would be beneficial in coordinating research activities across the UK, and accessing external funding.
- c. Noted – PHW is in discussion with the other UK countries, regarding contribution of nurse and midwives to allied public health, quarterly conference calls scheduled.

## 10. Date of next meeting:

- a. Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016, 11-1
- b. Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016, 1-3 (note change of time)
- c. Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016, 11-1

Venue for all meetings: University of South Wales, Aneurin Bevan Building, Room AB115,  
Lower Glyn Taf Campus.

Directions: <http://findaroom.southwales.ac.uk/rooms/gtab115>