The Barbers’ Company Clinical Nursing Scholarship

The interviews for the 2016 Scholarships were held at the Barbers’ Company Hall in London in April. From 87 applications, the awards panel of Professor Kate Seers, Professor Claire Hale and Dr Jeremy Bolton met with short-listed applicants before making their decision.

The award for 2016 was shared between applicants with diverse studies such as, MSc in Wound Healing and Tissue Repair at Cardiff University School of Medicine; MSc Nurse Practitioner (Cardiology) at Bradford University; MSc Children’s Advanced Nurse Practitioner at London South Bank University; MSc in Advanced Practice at King’s College London and; two nurses completing nursing PhDs.

The Barbers’ Company Clinical Nursing Scholarship of £10,000 is designed to enable nurses/midwives to undertake further education, research or a clinical project. The award is specifically intended for working nurses/midwives, or those planning to return to clinical practice.

Applications for the 2017 award will open on the 1st December 2016 and will close on 28th February 2017. For more information on the application process see the RCNRI website or contact the RCNRI directly.

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Health Research

Sophie Staniszewska was invited to chair the Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) session at the National Institute of Health Research (NIHR) @10 Conference in May 2016, a celebration of NIHR funded research over the last decade.

Jo Brett, now based at Oxford Brookes, presented the PIRICOM study, a systematic review of conceptualisation, measurement, impact and outcome of PPI in health and social care research and our most recent work developing GRIPP2, guidance for enhancing the quality of PPI reporting.

Simon Denegri, NIHR National Director for Public Participation and Engagement in Research, hosted a fascinating discussion about PPI which formed the centre piece of the conference after lunch.

The conference had a very strong PPI strand running through it which reflects the policy direction of the ‘Going the Extra Mile’ Review published by NIHR, for which Sophie was Vice-Chair. Sophie and Jo were very pleased to be photographed with Professor Dame Sally Davies, Chief Medical Officer and supporter of PPI within NIHR.
Older People

Recently Hanneke Wiltjer, a PhD student with the RCNRI, (hanneke.wiltjer@warwick.ac.uk) attended a conference run by the RCN Older People’s Forum and British Geriatrics Society. We are grateful for the funding they provided for her attendance at this event.

A number of sessions were held on care for older people in general, pain management, care homes, acute care, and integrated community care. I was particularly interested in a step-down ward for older people who are medically stable but require rehabilitation or discharge planning within the University Hospital North Midlands.

The ward seemed to focus on patient experience with a café and regular activities, as well as multi-disciplinary care provided by specialist professionals. In the evaluation of the unit the discharges were seen as successful with more people able to go back to their own home and fewer failed discharges.

I was also impressed by the Triangle of Care, which presents a guide to caring for a patient with dementia whilst also including their carers in the process. Carers are experts in looking after their loved ones and as professionals we should aim to work together in the best interest of the patient. Overall it was an inspiring day where care for older people was presented in terms of opportunities and possibilities.

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Publications

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The British Pain Society

The British Pain Society’s 49th Annual Scientific Meeting

The British Pain Society is multidisciplinary and has an Annual Scientific Meeting, which this year took place in Harrogate in May, with nearly 500 delegates.

Professor Kate Seers is Chair of the Scientific Programme Committee, and there were plenary sessions on a diverse range of topics including new treatments for chronic pain, highlights of research relevant to practice in complex regional pain syndrome, how beliefs influence pain, neuromodulation, improving postoperative pain, pain and dementia, the role of the central nervous system in chronic pain, the benefits of pain, and pain in joints.

The workshops and poster sessions enabled delegates to explore issues in more detail, and develop their networks. Kate is already looking forward to the 50th ASM in May 2017.

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Compassionate Care

Cambridge Presentation on Compassionate Care Study

Stephanie Tierney presented some preliminary findings from her research on the topic of compassionate care to nurses and allied health professionals based at Addenbrookes Hospital, as part of the Trusts’ Research Conference and Showcase. The grounded theory study explored the meaning of compassionate care for those working with people who have type 2 diabetes. Analysis involved the development of a model for understanding the process of compassionate care from the perspective of staff involved in the day to day care of patients. Findings are currently being prepared for publication.

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Resuscitation Science


Kirstie was invited as an Honorary Visiting Professor and Plenary Speaker to participate in RIM 2016, held at the Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute, St Michael’s Hospital Collaborative Programme in Resuscitation Sciences, Toronto, Canada from 1-4 May 2016. (http://www.resusinmotion.ca/)

This event, hosted by the inspirational Professor Laurie Morrison, was a great networking meeting for graduate trainees and both young and senior investigators in resuscitation research from across a variety of disciplines and from both academe and industry.

The focus of Kirstie’s presentation was ‘IMPACT: Traditional Clinical Outcomes – What do patients think are important?’ The presentation highlighted the importance of engaging with patients in research and in seeking to understand the outcomes that matter to a range of key stakeholders; the development to the first core outcome set for cardiac arrest effectiveness research – the COSCA initiative, was highlighted.

The conference involved the innovative use of ‘PechaKucha’ presentations and various networking opportunities – including ‘speed dating’, ‘networking at noon’ and ‘thinking and drinking over jazz’, supporting dynamic discussions between participants.

In collaboration with Monica Parry, Kirstie co-hosted several speed dating sessions exploring the benefits and challenges of engaging patients in research.

The growing interest in developing strategies for engaging with the survivors of cardiac arrest and their families, to inform practice and co-design future research, was illustrated during the inaugural meeting of the Canadian Resuscitation Outcomes Collaboration (CanROC) ‘Meeting of the Minds’, a public and scientist engagement event, hosted by Dr Katie Dainty. The event was intended as a forum for bystanders, survivors and resuscitation scientists to interact in an informal setting, share their experiences & knowledge and think together about potential directions for new research that will help improve survival from cardiac arrest.

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