

Research Projects – December 2019

Community and Mental Health Services

Project No.	Open recruiting studies	Speciality	Division /Teams	Status	Study Start	Study End Date	Perfect Care Goal	Lead Investigator	Sponsor
1996/ Appleby NCISH	Appleby: National Confidential Inquiry into Suicide and Homicide by People with Mental Illness (ERP/96/136) The core work of the Confidential Inquiry examines suicide and homicide committed by people who have been in contact with secondary and specialist mental health services in the twelve months before the incident. Questionnaires are sent to responsible clinicians.	Mental Health	Trust Wide	Open	21/06/1999	31/03/2022	Zero Suicide	Professor Louis Appleby	University of Manchester
2009/14	Francis: Brains for Dementia This study is jointly funded by the Alzheimer's Research Trust and the Alzheimer's Society. Brain tissue from regularly assessed individuals provides the best resource for scientists to understand dementia and link progression of memory impairment. BDR3 is open.	Dementia	Local Division	Open	28/09/2009	31/03/2021	Physical Health	Professor Paul Francis	Kings College London
2011/37	Pirmohamed: Molecular Genetics of Adverse Drug Reactions (ADR) (MOLGEN) Multi-site study funded by the DoH, MRC and the Serious Adverse Event Consortium. This study will collect DNA samples (blood or saliva) to help identify genetic factors which predispose to ADRs.	Mental Health	Trust Wide	Open	12/12/2011	30/04/2021	Physical Health	Professor Munir Pirmohamed	University of Liverpool
2012/47 PIC site	Ziebland: Narratives of health and illness for talk online This study is part of a national programme of qualitative research studies led by the University of Oxford which aims to gather experiences of over 60 health related conditions and illnesses. Leaflets and posters can be highlighted.	Mental Health	Local Division	Open	17/12/2012	31/03/2020	Physical Health	Ms Sue Ziebland	University of Oxford
2013/34	Lennox: Prevalence of Pathogenic antibodies in psychosis (PPiP2 study) Continuation of the PPIP study which aims to understand if some cases of psychosis are caused by immune system problems in some people and establish whether there are more sensitive markers of antibody in the serum of patients at first presentation of psychosis. Involves blood sample collection.	Mental Health	Local Division - EIP	Open	14/11/2013	30/08/2020	Physical Health	Dr Belinda Lennox	University of Oxford
2014/42	Jellicoe-Jones: Clinical profile and efficacy of 'The Beacon Service' Study is a joint initiative between the Trust and the National Offender Management Service (NOMS) at HMP Garth. Study will review the efficacy and effectiveness of interventions part of the new PD pathway initiative.	Mental Health	Secure	Open	25/08/2015	04/03/2024	Outcome Measures	Dr Lorna Jellicoe-Jones	Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust
2015/07	Fonagy: Metallization Based Therapy (MBT) for antisocial PD (MOAM) RCT aiming to develop, implement & evaluate a new clinical MBT-ASPD community service in 11 sites over 4 years. The study will look at whether MBT decreases (i) aggressive behaviour (ii) offending behaviour (iii) substance misuse & (iv) improves interpersonal relationships and general well-being. http://www.ucl.ac.uk/jro	Mental Health	Secure	Open	22/03/2015	01/08/2020	Other	Professor Peter Fonagy	University College London
2015/22	Williams: Detecting Susceptibility Genes for Late-Onset Alzheimer's disease (AD Genetics) Primary aim of this study is to expand the number of genetic variants and biomarkers studied in Alzheimer's Disease (AD). Baseline and follow up interviews will be carried out with persons with AD and control subjects to screen for cognitive decline.	Dementia	Local Division	Open	05/11/2015	01/02/2020	Physical Health	Professor Julie Williams	Cardiff University

2015/29	Whittington: EUROSTART: Dynamic risk assessment for violence in MH settings This study is the UK arm of an international project examining the violence risk of mentally ill people in 4 countries (Denmark, Norway, Sweden, UK). START assessments information conducted on patients in the 3 secure inpatient services since 2008 will be identified.	Mental Health	Secure	Open - in data analysis	30/09/2015	31/12/2018 - revised end date tbc	Other	Professor Richard Whittington	Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust
2015/36	Need: Genetic Research into Childhood Onset Psychosis The purpose of this study is to discover how differences in DNA may make it more or less likely that people develop psychiatric illness. The study will compare DNA of people that have and have not experienced psychosis.	Mental Health	Trust Wide	Open	19/01/2016	30/11/2020	Physical Health	Dr Anna Need	Imperial College London
2017/04	McNeil: How arts and culture impacts on people living well with dementia - a participatory action research approach. PhD study with LJMU aims to describe, investigate & increase the understanding of people living well with dementia using arts and cultural activities.	Dementia	Local Division	Open	08/06/2017	20/04/2020	Other	Miss Elaine McNeil	Liverpool John Moores University
2017/36	Fearnley SWIM App Study Phase II The trust is involved in this multi-site study with Stanford University, USA and the University of Liverpool. The study will develop the SWiM phone application which uses computer technologies to identify risk.	Mental Health	Trust wide	Open	05/01/2018	01/06/2020	Other	Dr David Fearnley	Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust
2017/38	Watson: CAP-MEM Exploring the cause and prevalence of memory problems in mental health This study is investigating whether the nervous system works differently in people with psychiatric disorders compared to healthy controls. Staff and services users asked to take part in the below survey: https://nclpsych.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2607cPySdTtGbHv	Mental Health	Local Division	Open	15/02/2018	30/09/2021	Other	Dr Stuart Watson	The University of Newcastle
2018/17	Chudleigh Rethinking Strategies for Positive Newborn Screening (NBS) Result Delivery (Respond) NIHR funded study interviewing staff about the best possible way to minimise any negative impact when communicating new-born bloodspot screening (NBS) results. The findings from the study will be used to ensure best way to communicate and minimise any negative impact on parents.	Community (non-MH study)	Provider, Planned Care, Queens Drive Clinic	Open	18/05/2018	01/04/2020	Other	Dr Jane Chudleigh	City, University of London
2018/28	Latter: Accessing medicines at end-of-life: a multi-stakeholder, mixed method evaluation of service provision (ActMED). Health care professionals in England are invited to give their views about current practice in providing patients with access to end-of-life medicines, facilities and good practice via a short on line questionnaire.	Community (non-MH study)	Palliative Care and Community teams	Open - recruitment ended	19/07/2018	31/07/2020	Physical Health	Professor Sue Latter	The University of Southampton
2018/29	Newton: Memory Service professional practice regarding Assistive Technology The aim of the project is to determine current practice of professionals working in Memory Services in the provision of information on, and access to, Assistive Technologies for families living with Dementia.	Dementia	Memory Service	Open - recruitment ended in data analysis	16/10/2018	31/05/2020	Other	Dr Lisa Newton	Northumberland Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust
2018/38	Abel: CAPRI-VOC This study is measuring vocal brain development in babies, using an infrared spectroscopy with mothers who have severe mental illness. The study will examine how an infant's brain processes their mother's voice to better understand how different factors affect a child's responses to sounds.	Mental Health	Local Division	Open	09/11/2018	30/09/2021	Other	Professor Kathryn Abel	The University of Manchester

2018/39	Uttamlal: Peer Support in Mental Health Services: The Case of the Liminal Identity PhD study with Warwick Business School looking at examining MH services at organisational level specifically to understand the peer support worker role, which is currently being implemented across the UK.	Mental Health	Trust wide	Open	11/01/2019	31/07/2021	Other	Trishna Uttamlal	The University of Warwick
2019/2	Kullu: AI - based Virtual Environment for Risk Tracking in Mental Health (AVERT) The trust is sharing 10 years of retrospective pseudonymised service user data. Nine years of the data will be analysed to see if this can predict what happened in Year 10 of the data set and help develop predictive models of MH crisis.	Mental Health	Trust wide - Data only	Open	11/01/2019	05/06/2020	Other	Dr Cecil Kullu	Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust
2019/4	Campodonico: Traumatic symptoms and resilience in people with psychosis PhD and Research Impact Scholarship with Manchester University investigating which factors are more likely to predict a partial or full recovery from symptoms associated with psychosis. EI services users are invited to complete questionnaires, an interview and 3 follow up telephone calls over 6 months.	Mental Health	Early Intervention	Open	15/02/2019	01/11/2019	Other	Miss Carolina Campodonico	The University of Manchester
2019/6 PIC site	Fitzgerald: Phase I IONIS-MAPTRX-CS1 Clinical Trial: Trust is a PIC site recruiting dementia patients for an open Phase I trial. This study will evaluate the safety and tolerability of an investigational drug and compare it to a placebo.	Dementia	Specialist - Whalley	Open	24/01/2019	01/04/2019	Other	Nicole Smith	University of Leeds
2019/10	McNeil - Critical Incidents: Factors that impact engagement. PhD study with UCLAN aiming to identify whether personality traits and characteristics can predict engagement in critical incidents comparing persons who have perpetrated critical incidents and those who have not via questionnaires and data extract from six measures.	Mental Health	High Secure & Medium Secure	Open	19/03/2019	01/09/2020	Other	Kimberley McNeil	University of Central Lancashire
2019/12	Sims: Dementia with Lewy Bodies Genetics This study aims to learn more about how genes can affect the risk of developing DLB. Persons who have received a diagnosis of DLB will be interviewed and asked to provide a blood or saliva sample. Study partners will also be interviewed.	Mental Health	Local Division	Open	14/03/2019	31/03/2020	Other	Dr Rebecca Sims	Cardiff University
2019/13	Hartley Consensus from Mental health professionals on stress events PhD with UCLAN aiming to build upon the findings of a systematic review of factors relating to trauma responses in forensic psychiatric staff who were exposed to extreme stress events at work. Staff complete an on-line survey.	Mental Health	High Secure - Staff	Open	29/03/2019	31/12/2019	Other	Victoria Hartley	University of Central Lancashire
2019/15	Fergus: Pressure Ulcer Management System Using Machine Learning Pilot study to determine the accuracy of a Pressure Ulcer Management system in categorising and reporting characteristics of pressure ulcers. Photographs of pressure ulcers will be taken by specialist nurses using a smartphone linked to the secure pressure ulcer management web services, and the system will evaluate the efficacy of the system on decisions made by the machine learning system.	Physical Health	Skin Service	Open	29/03/2019	20/12/2019	Other	Paul Fergus	Liverpool John Moores University
2019/17	Mawson: Self-compassion in informal carers for people living with dementia Doctorate of Clinical Psychology study aiming to find out what self compassion means to people who care for persons living with dementia. Particularly interested in the experiences of non paid family carers	Dementia	Mossley Hill Hospital Community Services	Open	10/04/2019	30/10/2020	Other	Marsha Mawson	Liverpool University

2019/18	McGee Injecting Drug Use: Treatment, recovery and risk PhD Study looking at changes made in drug treatment in the past ten years and if the changes have affected the risk of drug related deaths for those taking drugs and if the changes have affected the willingness to start drug treatment programmes. Semi structured interviews of staff.	Mental Health	Addaction Service	Open	17/04/2019	01/12/2022	Other	Alan McGee	Liverpool John Moores University
2019/19	Appleby: Suicide by middle-aged men The study will examine characteristics of middle-aged men who died by suicide. Data from a sample of 200 men aged 40-54 who died by suicide or suspected suicide (open verdict) from 1st January 2017 to 31st December 2017 will be collected from the trust.	Mental Health	Trust wide	Open	14/08/2019	31/10/2020	Zero Suicide	Professor Louis Appleby	The University of Manchester
2019/21	Kapur: Psychosocial assessments and psychological therapies following self-harm This study aims to find out what helps and does not help people receive MH assessments and psychological therapies following self-harm. Staff will be interviewed; on-line questionnaire for staff, patients (who have self-harmed) and their carers or significant other. Staff asked to highlight survey: https://sites.manchester.ac.uk/mhapt	Mental Health	Trust wide	Open	14/06/2019	01/08/2021	Zero Suicide	Professor Nav Kapur	The University of Manchester
2019/22	Rotherham Exploring 'outcomes' from a user perspective This study will measure the value of the Life Rooms model and explore what matters to those that use the service. Peer co-researchers will carry out conversations with those who use the Life Rooms.	Other	Community - Life Rooms	Open	17/06/2019	08/01/2021	Outcome Measures	Clare Rotheram	Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust
2019/24	Hills: The motivations, sexual behaviours and public health implications of people who travel for sex (PWTFs) to Thailand The study is towards a PhD, and is looking at the sex tourism industry and how it has been impacted by globalisation and the subsequent implications on public health in the UK. Interviews with staff and patients.	Mental Health	Abacus Health Services & St James Health Centre	Open	30/08/2019	01/10/2022	Other	Professor Marie Claire Van Hout	Liverpool John Moores University
2019/26	Humm: Diagnosis disclosure in dementia The study will investigate what staff believe to be best practice behaviours when delivering a diagnosis of dementia, via an on-line questionnaire.	Dementia	Staff study	Open - survey closed.	16/06/2019	31/12/2019	Other	Alexander Humm	university of Nottingham
2019/27	Hibbert: Exploring perspectives of Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and sexualised drug use This study is towards a PhD with Liverpool John Moores University. Staff from sexual health clinics and LGBT outreach workers will take part in telephone interviews exploring perceptions, awareness and impact of sexualised drug use.	Physical Health	Abacus Health Services	Open	22/07/2019	28/02/2020	Other	Mr Matthew Hibbert	Liverpool John Moores University
2019/28	Sebalo: Understanding Aggression, Stress and Beliefs This study is towards a PhD with UCLAN, funded by Mersey Care. The project aims to further understand the role of beliefs, past experiences and stress in aggression and what makes someone aggressive.	Mental Health	High Secure Services	Open	02/10/2019	14/03/2020	Other	Mr Ivan Sebalo	University of Central Lancashire
2019/29	Browne (Claire): Qualitative trauma exposure in high secure male population Trust own study looking at persons with serious mental illness (SMI) who are reported to have more experiences of repeated traumatic events during their lifetimes than members of the general population. Patients within Ashworth Hospital will take part in a semi-structured interview to help understand what treatment they require and how to reduce their risk of violence.	Mental Health	High Secure Services	Open	28/08/2019	13/01/2020	Other	Miss Claire Browne	Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust
2019/30	Davis: Predicting patient engagement in Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) service. This study will use anonymised data from IAPT service to build a statistical model to predict whether a patient will participate in and engage with their therapy. This will enable services to identify when a patient is not responding to treatment as expected and encourage them to engage.	Mental Health	IAPT service	Open	04/03/2019	31/12/2020	Other	Dr Alice Davies	University of Bath

2019/31	Oates: Nursing workforce High Secure This research project forms part of a study on workforce pressures in High Secure Hospitals commissioned by NHS Improvement. The study will involve telephone, face-to-face interviews and focus groups with Ashworth Staff.	Other	Nursing staff within Ashworth Hospital	Open	08/08/2019	30/11/2019	Other	Dr Jennifer L Oates	King's College London
2019/35	Brown (Alexandra): Mixed Methods Investigation of Shame in those who Self-Injure This Doctorate in Clinical Psychology study aims to better understand how people with experiences of self-injury are affected by and cope with feelings of shame. The study will explore what triggers shame, what it is like and how different people cope with this emotion.	Mental Health	HOPE service	Open	24/08/2019	20/12/2019	Self Harm	Miss Alexandra Brown	The University of Manchester
2019/36	Knowles: Recovery in bipolar This is a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology study with Liverpool University. This study will focus on the views and experiences of mental healthcare professionals and how best to support an individual's recovery.	Mental Health	EI Service	Open	04/10/2019	30/04/2020	Other	Miss Dawn Knowles	The University of Liverpool
2019/37	Walton: Decision making processes of older women offered ETC Doctorate Clinical Psychology study with Liverpool University. The study is looking at the decision-making processes of older women offered ETC as a treatment for severe depression in order to assist the planning of future clinical practice and improve support.	Mental Health	Older Adults	Open	11/09/2019	30/09/2020	Other	Miss Rachel Walton	The University of Liverpool
2019/39	Steene: Staff attitudes towards self-injurious behaviour in female and male patients: A study of secure services The project will be carried out by Lisa Marie Steene who is a Maastricht intern and will take place across all secure services.	HSS	Secure – Ashworth Hospital	Open	27/11/2019	31/08/2020	Other	Miss Lisa Maria Beethoven Steene	Maastricht University
2019/40	Giebel: Socio-economic predictors of formal dementia care This study is funded by the Alzheimer's Society's Knowledge Exchange Fellowship programme. Carers of persons with a diagnosis of dementia will be invited to complete a brief questionnaire about socio-economic factors and how such factors can affect access and use of formal dementia care services.	Dementia	Memory Service	Open	24/10/2019	31/05/2020	Other	Dr Clarissa Giebel	University of Liverpool
2019/41	Kinkaid: Model fidelity of early intervention services for first-episode psychosis in England Doctorate level project with McGill University, Canada. Study is gathering information about how early intervention for psychosis (EIP) services are being delivered across England. This information will be used to examine if EIP services have reduced suicide and hospitalizations and whether this is impacted by EIP commitment.	Mental Health	Early Intervention Team	Open	24/10/2019	01/09/2020	Zero Suicide	Ms. Miriam Kinkaid	McGill University, Canada
2019/42	Mawdsley: ACT for distress experienced by carers of people with psychosis The study is looking at whether a new form of group support for family members and carers is well received and is found to be helpful.	Mental Health	EI & CMHTeams	Open	29/10/2019	29/10/2019	Other	Miss Lucinda Mawdsley	The University of Liverpool
2019/43	Cernis Exploring Unusual Feelings: A Questionnaire Study The aim of the study is to better understand what factors cause dissociation, and whether dissociation might cause psychotic symptoms. Participants with non-affective psychosis will be invited to complete a number of questionnaires.	Mental Health	Trust wide	Open	07/11/2019	30/04/2020	Other	Dr Emma Cernis	The University of Oxford
2019/48	Turner: Nursing led Interventions to support the psychological and emotional wellbeing of children and young people Funded by the RCN Foundation to gather information and greater understanding of nurse led interventions across the UK. Results will go on to inform the RCN Foundations strategy for future research.	Physical and Mental Health	Trust wide	Open	12/12/2019	08/01/2019 survey closes	Other	James Turner	Sheffield Hallam University