



It's been a busy few months since January with staff travelling nationally and internationally to present their research. We have also had many visitors to the School during this period including Professor Penny Schofield and Professor Linda Franck. It has been a productive time for research publications and grants, and details of our recent 2014 publications can be found on the School website.

We have highlighted a number of upcoming events that we hope you will be interested in attending as we value your input to our work.

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NEWS

Head of School – Professor Linda Johnston

Professor Linda Johnston will be leaving the School in July 2014 to take up the post of Dean of the Lawrence S Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing at the University of Toronto, Canada. Linda has been a great advocate for neonatal research, teaching, and services and we look forward to ongoing collaborations with her. Linda will be greatly missed and we would like take this opportunity to wish her every success in her new post.



Public Lecture – Neonatal Intensive Care

The School hosted a Public Lecture cosponsored by Tiny Life and the Neonatal Network Northern Ireland on 6th March 2014. The guest speaker Professor Linda Franck, University of California, San Francisco is an Honorary Professor within the School of Nursing and Midwifery. The lecture was entitled '**Family-centered neonatal**



(L-R) Alison McNulty (CEO Tiny Life), Professor Linda Franck & Professor Fiona Alderdice (QUB) & Claire McGinley (Neonatal Network NI)

intensive care – Opportunities not to be missed' and focused on babies needing their parents – even when they are in a high technology neonatal unit. The public lecture explored the role of parents and families in the neonatal units of the past, present and future.

There was great discussion with parents and practitioners offering their perspectives and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and health professionals who participated in this event. Slides and video footage from the Seminar are available at the following link;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D1utNL6RDVE>

CANCER NURSING, SUPPORTIVE AND PALLIATIVE CARE THEME

Guest Review

Dr Joanne Reid has been invited to complete a guest review for "Current Opinion in Supportive & Palliative Care Journal" which is published by Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins (London). The journal has a worldwide circulation in addition to being indexed on PubMed, and the editors are keen to include contributors who have an international standing.



Finalist for Nurse of the Year Research Award

Congratulations to Clare McVeigh, a final year PhD student within the School, who is a finalist at the Royal College of Nursing, Nurse of the Year Research Awards. The Award ceremony will take place 22 May 2014 at the Culloden Hotel. The Award is open to all registered nurses and midwives working in all health care settings in Northern Ireland and aims to recognise and reward quality and excellence in research. We would like to extend to Claire our support and best wishes.



MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH THEME

The Girl-the Woman: Generational Borders

Professor Fiona Alderdice, Dr Jenny McNeill and PhD student Michelle Templeton are taking part in 'the girl – the woman' symposium being held on 22 and 23 May 2014. This symposium will explore the construction of female identity through the generations in order to understand what it is to be a girl and a woman in particular social, cultural and political contexts. The School's research will be presented in the panel on 'Generational borders in Reproductive Health'. To register for this event contact to Dr. Victoria Montgomery, v.montgomery@qub.ac.uk



Recent grant success

Florence Elliott Travel Award

Dr Mark Linden received a Florence Elliott travel award to visit the University of British Columbia in May 2014. Mark will be working in collaboration with Professor Ruth Grunau on an ongoing prospective longitudinal cohort study of neonatal pain, brain development and neurodevelopment in children born very preterm.



Crisis Pregnancy Programme

Dr Maria Lohan was successful in obtaining \$5000 funding through an International Research Colloquium Award at the Peter Wall Institute for Advanced studies, University of British Columbia, to showcase innovative research generated within the past year.

Dr Maria Lohan, Dr Áine Aventin, Dr Carmel Kelly and Prof Abbey Hyde (UCD) also secured over £60k from the Health Services Executive Crisis Pregnancy Programme (Ireland) for a PhD studentship.



NIHR Public Health Research Award and Invited Washington DC Visit

NIHR Public Health Research Award

Congratulations to Dr Maria Lohan, Dr Áine Aventin, Dr Mark Linden, Dr Peter O'Halloran and Dr Carmel Kelly on receiving funding from the NIHR Public Health Research (PHR) Programme looking at the effectiveness of an intervention called 'If I Were Jack'. The intervention is aimed to reduce unintended teenage pregnancies and is especially targeted to include boys. As the UK has the

highest rate of teenage pregnancies in Western Europe, and the second highest in the Western World, it is vital that effective and well-timed interventions are delivered to improve sexual health knowledge and behaviour.

Dr Lohan states that "If the intervention is found to be both acceptable and effective, it has the potential to benefit all pupils aged 14-16 in Northern Ireland and the rest of the UK".



Dr Maria Lohan and Dr Áine Aventin had the honour of being invited to Washington DC on Wednesday 16 April to present their research to the National Campaign for Unplanned Pregnancy. The title of the talk was: "If I were Jack" An interactive film-based approach to addressing teenage men and unintended pregnancy.



Dr Áine Aventin, Dr Maria Lohan & Ms Sarah Brown
(CEO, National Campaign for Unplanned Pregnancy)

SPECIAL FEATURE – All Ireland Co-operation



Queen's Links Up with All Irish Universities

The All Ireland Institute of Hospice Palliative Care (AIHPC) announced this month a significant expansion of its consortium membership, increasing from 12 to 17 partners. Following this expansion, partners now include all Universities and major hospice providers on the Island of Ireland. Queen's University Belfast was a founding partner of the Institute, with the School of Nursing and Midwifery taking the lead for the University.

At the launch of the expansion of Consortium Partners were (l-r): Jerry Buttimer, Joint Oireachtas Health Committee; Pat Quinlan, Milford Care Centre; Prof Anne Scott, DCU; Kevin O'Dwyer, Marymount University Hospital and Hospice; Paddie Blaney, AIHPC; Dr. Joan Regan, Marie Curie; Simon Coveney, Minister for Agriculture; Dr. Michael Murphy, UCC; Prof Kathy Murphy, NUI Galway; George Kernohan, University of Ulster; Mo Flynn, Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services; Prof. Sam Porter, Queen University Belfast and Bernie Quillinan, University of Limerick.

The expanded makeup of AIHPC was officially launched by the Minister for Agriculture, Marine and Food, Simon Coveney TD, at Marymount University Hospital and Hospice in Cork on 24 April 2014.

Minister Coveney said: "It is a pleasure to formally recognise the enlarged consortium of partners working together to ultimately benefit patients and their families. The Institute is playing a key role – informing improvement, engaging with communities, facilitating change and leading developments."

Prof. Sam Porter and Dr Joanne Reid are co-Principal Investigators on the AIHPC-funded randomised controlled trial of an intervention for patients with Advanced Cancer who have Cachexia and their Lay Carers.

PATIENTS AND THE PUBLIC

New Honorary Lecturer and Invited Speaker



Silke Mader has recently been appointed as Honorary Lecturer in the School. Silke is the Chairperson of the Executive Board and founder of the 'European Foundation for the Care of Newborn Infants' (EFCNI). Her professional background lies in elementary educational theory, mainly focusing on the linguistic support of migrant children and remedial educational theory.

EVENTS

Our new Honorary Lecturer Silke Mader will be an invited speaker at an event being held Monday 16 June 2014. This event is co-sponsored by the School of Nursing and Midwifery, Neonatal Network NI and Tiny Life. More information can be found at

<http://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/SchoolofNursingandMidwifery/>

INVITED SPEAKER

The Principles and Practices of Parental Engagement

Monday 16 June 2014 at 5.00pm
Riddell Hall, Queen's University Belfast

The lecture will be of interest to parents, practitioners, scholars and researchers working with premature or sick babies.



Speaker: Silke Mader

Seminar Series



Associate Professor Penny Schofield, Scientific Director of Department of Cancer Experiences Research, Melbourne, Australia, gave a seminar on 25 March 2014. The topic was 'Effective, clinically feasible and sustainable: key design features of nurse-led interventions to promote individualised self-management in cancer care'. Slides from the Seminar can be obtained by contacting r.erwin@gub.ac.uk. Please see details below for Seminar's in the next quarter.

Peter Hudson "Reducing the Psychological Distress of Family Caregivers of Home Based Palliative Care Patients: Overview of a Randomised Controlled Trial" 26 May 2014
12.30 pm

Helen Noble Palliative Care in Chronic Kidney Disease – the 'PACKS' study 18 June 2014
12.30pm

POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH NEWS AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Professoriate Lunch 03rd June 2014

As part of the SWAN initiative, the School is hosting a Professoriate Lunch, which has been organised for Tuesday 03 June 2014, 12.00 noon in room 328, level 7. The aim of this event is to allow colleagues the chance to chat with a Senior Academic in the School. Professor Sam Porter will share his career experience as a jointly qualified nurse and sociologist and offer some advice on career development in research. Postgraduate students and staff wishing to attend the event, please contact Ruth Erwin r.erwin@gub.ac.uk



Postgraduate Pub Quiz Success



Congratulations to James Millman, PhD Student, who recently hosted a Pub Quiz in the Parlour Bar on 13 March, as part of Postgraduate Week. The event had an excellent turnout and was attended by both staff and students of the School and University. James was delighted with the success of the evening and stated that "special thanks should go to Joanne Fairley and Ruth Erwin whose help was invaluable in helping arrange the event".

Postgraduate Research - Patricia Napier Scholarships

The School of Nursing and Midwifery is pleased to announce two scholarship awards for students to undertake the MSc Advanced Professional Practice commencing September 2014. The scholarship will cover tuition fees and the registration fee. The students will study in one of five specialist pathways:

- Cancer Nursing: Supportive and Palliative Care
- Mental Health and Older Adult
- Maternal and Child Health
- Critical and Acute Care
- Leadership and Management

More information is available at:

<http://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/SchoolofNursingandMidwifery/StudyattheSchool/GrantsScholarships/>

Recent PhD Success

Congratulations to Dr Tracey McConnell who recently obtained her PhD which involved conducting a realist evaluation of the Liverpool Care Pathway for dying patients. Tracey is now working as a Research Fellow on the Music in Mind project.

