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I. FOREWORD BY THE PRO VICE CHANCELLOR (RESEARCH AND INNOVATION)



I am particularly delighted to provide the Foreword to this year's Annual Reports. Research and Innovation at the University of Ulster continues to grow and to make major contributions to the economic, social and cultural wellbeing of Northern Ireland and beyond. This past year has seen us climb to a position where we are in the top third of research institutions in the country and are, again, amongst the top performers in the UK in translating our research and research expertise into significant economic benefit.

In reading the annual reports from University of Ulster Research Institutes I am confident that you will find the research undertaken at Ulster to have more than fulfilled expectations over the past year.

The University's reputation for high quality research was independently confirmed through the results of the most recent Research Assessment Exercise. The overall performance places Ulster in the top third of the UK institutions with three Units in the top three and eleven in the top twenty as measured against peers. This is our best ever performance and confirms our strategy on quality, selectivity and supporting environment. Our exceptional performance in the RAE has boosted our efforts to attract high-calibre research staff to work alongside our existing internationally strong teams, in attracting external research and other income and in completing work that has led to highly prestigious papers, books and other key performance outputs.

We are now in a very strong and confident position as we prepare for the next national assessment due in 2013. This year we produced a new Research Strategy to provide us with an appropriate quality framework that will support our future submission to the newly designed Research Excellence Framework (REF). The new approach to assessment through the REF will present many challenges, particularly in relation to the new Impact category and in the administrative structures. We embark upon this process with great confidence and expectation having evidenced another very strong performance in the translation of our research expertise into economic, social and cultural benefits. There continues to be a very strong flow of research findings coming out of our research activities this year, many as new disclosures, adding to our intellectual property portfolio. We continue to exploit this asset through knowledge and technology transfer activities managed through our Office of Innovation.

University of Ulster research teams were awarded grants totalling over £29M for the academic year 2008/9, up almost £18M on the previous year. During the same period Research Capital funding totalled £8M and the University's Research Council income was approximately £3M. A particularly pleasing aspect of our grant income profile shows that grants were awarded to each of our six faculties and across all four campuses, highlighting research excellence throughout the University.

Cross border research projects funded by the Department for Employment and Learning (DEL) under its Cross Border R&D Funding Programme accounted for the substantial increase in research funding from previous years with five Ulster research teams awarded grants totalling £7.7M to conduct collaborative research projects with sister universities in the Republic of Ireland.

I am, of course, delighted but not surprised at this superb performance since external funders of research only allocate funding where they are confident that quality exists and Ulster's recent research activity is evidence of that quality. It is, however, particularly pleasing to record such a level of funding during a period

when there has been significant pressure on the economy in general and finance in particular. It is gratifying that funders have confidence in the quality of our work and are assured that it will reap benefits in the future.

In addition to the annual allocation of DEL postgraduate studentships of £4.91M, this year, the University received just over £1.41M in support of 78 new and continuing DEL funded PhD studentships to be held in research areas that have specific relevance to the Northern Ireland economy; thus allowing further development of R&D talent essential for innovation in business and the public sector. This funding enables Ulster to support 272 full-time research students with a further 123 full-time awards supported from a range of other sources of funding.

The University, through its research and outreach activity, makes a significant contribution on the local and world stages. Our staff inform both policy development at regional and national level and are leaders in gaining understanding of the many global challenges facing us in today's world.

I trust that you will enjoy reading the Report and I commend it to you as evidence that research at the University of Ulster ranks highly amongst UK institutions.



Professor ND Black
Pro Vice Chancellor (Research & Innovation)

2. Foreword by the Research Institute Director



December 2008 was a significant milestone for nursing at the University of Ulster. The Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) results confirmed our position as a leader in nursing and mid-wifery research at local, national and international levels. We were ranked in the top 3 among nursing research units in universities in the United Kingdom. All our research outputs were rated 'excellent' in the 2008 RAE.

Resting on our laurels was not an option. Since then we have carried out an extensive review of our research groupings – we have set up 4 Research Centres in each of the following areas:

- Developmental Disabilities and Child Health
- Managing Chronic Illness
- Maternal, Foetal and Infant Wellbeing
- Person-centred Practice

Looking to the future, we are keen to encourage the development of new research groups. We have identified 3 emerging areas of research:

- Mental Health
- Nurse Education and Professional Roles
- Health Promotion and Adolescent Health

Developing research capacity and capability is another area which has received more attention in the INR and the School of Nursing in the last year. We have offered 4 Fellowships for new researchers to enable them to develop their research profile. We continue to encourage and support staff to develop their research skills and knowledge.

The proposed Institute of Health and Wellbeing at the Magee campus offers excellent opportunities to develop further our mental health research profile and to contribute to the health and well-being of the population in the North West and beyond. This will require a strategic approach and an investment of funds.

We are conscious of our collegiate position within and outwith the University and have developed strong networks for multiprofessional research for health gain mainly in the above areas.

Our excellent research standing regionally, nationally and internationally, is the result of the hard work, commitment, professionalism and creativity of all our staff in the School of Nursing and in the Institute of Nursing Research. They all deserve to be commended.

We look forward to the Research Excellence Framework which is likely to take place in 2013.

Professor Kader Parahoo
Director, Institute of Nursing Research
January 2010

3. RESEARCH INSTITUTE MEMBERS

Surname	Forename	Title	Position
Barr	Owen	Dr	Head of School of Nursing
Coates	Vivien	Prof	Professor of Nursing Research
Dobbs	Frank	Prof	Director – Institute of Postgraduate Medicine and Primary Care
Dolk	Helen	Prof	Professor of Epidemiology
Fitzsimons	Donna	Dr	Reader
Fleming	Paul	Prof	Associate Dean of the Faculty of Life and Health Sciences
Hasson	Felicity	Ms	Senior Lecturer
Keeney	Sinead	Dr	Senior Lecturer
Kernohan	George	Prof	Professor of Health Research
Loane	Maria	Ms	Lecturer
McCance	Tanya	Prof	Mona Grey Professor of Nursing Research and Development
McCaughan	Eilis	Dr	Reader
McConkey	Roy	Prof	Professor of Developmental Disabilities
McCormack	Brendan	Prof	Professor of Nursing Research
McIlpatrick	Sonja	Dr	Reader
McKenna	Hugh	Prof	Dean of the Faculty of Life and Health Sciences
Parahoo	Kader	Prof	Director – Institute of Nursing Research
Poulton	Brenda	Prof	Professor in Community Health Nursing
Ryan	Assumpta	Dr	Lecturer
Sinclair	Marlene	Prof	Professor of Midwifery
Slevin	Eamonn	Dr	Reader
Taggart	Laurence	Dr	Lecturer
Thompson	Kathryn	Ms	Lecturer

Associate Research Institute Members

Surname	Forename	Title	Position
Boore	Jennifer	Prof	Emeritus Professor of Nursing
Chaney	David	Mr	Lecturer
Cousins	Wendy	Dr	Lecturer
Gardner	Evie	Ms	Lecturer
Gillen	Patricia	Dr	Lecturer
McAloon	Toni	Ms	Lecturer
McCreight	Bernadette	Dr	Lecturer
McGowan	Brian	Mr	Lecturer
McGowan	Iain	Mr	Lecturer
McLaughlin	Derek	Dr	Lecturer
Mitchell	Liz	Ms	Lecturer
Wilson	Julie	Dr	Lecturer

Research Contract Staff

Surname	Forename	Title	Position
Cecil	Rosanne	Dr	Research Associate
Greenlees	Ruth	Ms	Research Assistant
McSorley	Oonagh	Ms	Research Associate
Prue	Gillian	Dr	Research Associate
Sittlington	Julie	Dr	Research Associate
Slater	Paul	Dr	Research Fellow
Truesdale-Kennedy	Maria	Dr	Research Associate
Waldron	Mary	Mrs	Research Assistant

4. New Research Students

Name	Breidge Boyle
Title of Project	Risk of congenital anomaly in multiple births
Grant Source	R&D Office
Country of Origin	Northern Ireland
Supervisors	Profs Helen Dolk and Roy McConkey

Name	Aileen Burton
Title of Project	The sexual function/dysfunction of women with diabetes
Grant Source	Self
Country of Origin	Republic of Ireland
Supervisors	Prof Vivien Coates and Dr Marian McLaughlin

Name	Maria Herron
Title of Project	Breastfeeding support online: exploring, designing and testing a motivational intervention
Grant Source	VCRS
Country of Origin	Northern Ireland
Supervisors	Profs Marlene Sinclair and George Kernohan

Name	Mary Kemple
Title of Project	Sleep problems in Chronic Conditions of the Musculoskeletal System
Grant Source	Self
Country of Origin	Northern Ireland
Supervisors	Prof George Kernohan, Drs Pauline Black and Donna Fitzsimons

Name	Jacqueline Martin
Title of Project	Evaluation of Leadership Competencies in the University Hospital Basel
Grant Source	Self
Country of Origin	Basel, Switzerland
Supervisors	Prof Brendan McCormack and Dr Donna Fitzsimons

Name	Iain McGowan
Title of Project	Users, carers and professionals experiences of treatment and care for heroin dependency. Implications for practice and policy
Grant Source	R&D Office
Country of Origin	Northern Ireland
Supervisors	Prof Hugh McKenna, Dr Sinead Keeney and Dr Derek McLaughlin

Name	Elizabeth McKeon
Title of Project	The lived experience of people with an intellectual disability in acute general hospitals in the Dublin Region
Grant Source	Self
Country of Origin	Republic of Ireland
Supervisors	Drs Owen Barr and Vidar Melby

Name	Dorry McLaughlin
Title of Project	A study to develop and evaluate an educational resource in palliative and end-of-life care for specialist palliative care and learning disability services: promoting collaborative working
Grant Source	R&D Office
Country of Origin	Northern Ireland
Supervisors	Drs Owen Barr and Sonja McIlfatrick

Name	Ann Scott
Title of Project	Testing a bio-psycho-social intervention for reducing the behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia
Grant Source	Self/R&D Office
Country of Origin	Northern Ireland
Supervisors	Prof George Kernohan and Dr Assumpta Ryan

Name	Jean Soler
Title of Project	An international study of episodes of care in Family Medicine
Grant Source	Self
Country of Origin	Malta
Supervisors	Profs Frank Dobbs and Helen Dolk, Dr I Stabile

Name	Helena Tuite
Title of Project	Patient safety culture: leadership and workforce perception of the barriers to medical error reporting in a multi-cultural institution
Grant Source	Self
Country of Origin	Republic of Ireland
Supervisors	Profs Brendan McCormack and Carol Curran

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BOORE

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6. RESEARCH FUNDING

Staff Name(s)	Title of Award	Funding Body	Value
Barr	Promoting access to acute general hospital services for people with learning disabilities	DHSSPS	£10,000
Barr McConkey McIlfatrick	A study to develop and evaluate an educational resource in palliative and end-of-life care for specialist palliative care/learning disability service.	R&D Office - Doctoral Fellowships	£198,790
Coates	Western region colloquium to foster collaboration work in diabetes research	R&D Office - HPSS - Cohesion Fund	£2,630
Coates	A feasibility study examining the use of a progressive tailored pedometer based exercise programme to increase & maintain activity levels in phase IV cardiac rehabilitation	N.I. Chest, Heart & Stroke Association	£10,400
Dolk	Risk of Congenital Anomaly Among Multiple Births in Europe.	R&D Office HPSS-HSCSR Studentship 2004	£67,598
Dolk Loane	A case control study of isolated orofacial clefts and in utero exposure to lamotrigine WEUKBRE3885	GlaxoSmithKline Research & Development Limited	£451,250
Dolk Gardner	Lone mothers at time of birth: who are they? An exploration of their socioeconomic and household characteristics.	R&D Office - NILS	£27,343
Hasson Keeney McKenna	A study to identify research priorities for the therapy professions in Ireland	Health Research Board	£52,840
Kernohan Hasson	Studies evaluating the effectiveness of community palliative care services	Northern Ireland Hospice Care	£24,000
Kernohan Cousins Barr McConkey	Developing an Epilepsy Care Plan	Epilepsy Action	£25,000
McCance	Implementation of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for nursing and midwifery	Nursing Group, DHSSPS	£50,000
McCaughan	Psychosocial aspects of people living with cancer	R&D Office Cancer RRG	£1,000
McCaughan Parahoo	Developing and evaluating a self-management psychosocial intervention for men with prostate cancer and their partners	Ulster Cancer Foundation	£206,000

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McConkey	An evaluation of the Unified Sports Model in promoting the community integration of participants	Special Olympics International	£68,571
McConkey Fleming	Networking application between University of Ulster and Varqa Foundation, Guyana	Health Research Board	£6,914
McCormack	Facilitating implementation of research evidence: FIRE	CEC - Framework 7	£395,709
McIlfatrick Barr	NHSCT R&D Office Research Discretionary Funding Nurse Facilitated Discharge	Northern Health & Social Care Trust	£5,000
McKenna Keeney Hasson	Identification of Research Priorities for Therapy professions in Northern Ireland	Health Research Board (Eire) and UK R&D Office	£60,000
McKenna Hasson Keeney	A study to identify research priorities for the therapy professions in Ireland	Health Research Board	£52,840
Parahoo McCaughan	The effectiveness of psychosocial interventions for men with prostate cancer: A systematic review	R&D Office HPSS DIS - Cochrane Fellowships	£64,964
Slevin Taggart	Innovation Leaders Proposal	R&D Office - Innovation Leaders 2009	£11,682
Taggart McIlfatrick	The experiences of women with learning difficulties (LD) accessing breast screening services	Breast Cancer Campaign - Small Pilot Grant	£19,992
Watson Kernohan	The development of an end of life care standards for people with end stage dementia	The Centre for Ageing R&D in Ireland (CARDI)	£1,200

7. Indicators of Esteem

Invited keynote/plenary addresses

Coates (2009) Randomised controlled trial: a beautiful technique. The Janet Kinson Lecture at the Diabetes UK Annual Professional Conference, Glasgow.

Coates (2009) To speak for the motion: "This house believes that people with type 2 diabetes should not self blood glucose monitor". University of Glasgow, Scotland.

Fitzsimons (2009) The changing face of cardiovascular disease. Keynote Address to European Society of Cardiology Council of Cardiac Nursing and Allied Professions, Dublin, Ireland.

Gillen (2008) Bullying in Midwifery. 10th Symposium on Caring, Fooyin University in Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

Kernohan (2009) Hospice Health and Social Care Professionals' Expectations of Palliative Care for Non-malignant Conditions such as Parkinson's Disease. Irish Association of Palliative Care, 9th Annual All-Ireland Education & Research Seminar, Hilton Hotel, Dublin.

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McCance (2008) Improving patient care and experience through nursing and midwifery KPIs. Chief Nursing Officer Conference, Belfast.

McCance (2008) Person-centred care and the contribution of nursing. Quality Improvement Network Conference, RCN, London.

McCaughan (2008) The experience and coping behaviour of men with prostate cancer after radiotherapy. Ireland-Northern Ireland, National Cancer Institute International Conference, Dublin.

McCaughan (2008) Understanding and supporting men with cancer. Men and Cancer, BT Conference, Belfast.

McCaughan (2008) Understanding and Supporting men with cancer. Ulster Cancer Foundation Annual General Lecture, Belfast.

McCaughan (2009) Breast cancer review clinics: perception of needs by patients, nurses and doctors. Enhancing Cancer Cure through Patient focused Healthcare and Research, 7th International Cancer Conference, Dublin.

McCaughan (2009) Men and prostate cancer – the journey. UK, Northern Ireland Prostate Workshop, Belfast.

McCaughan (2009) All Ireland Cancer Care Consortium. National Cancer Institute/ All Ireland Inaugural Annual Research workshop, Antrim.

McCaughan (2009) Self-management strategies utilised by prostate cancer patients. Population-based cancer research in Ireland. Cancer Conference, Dublin.

McCormack (2008) Person-centred Care Programme and its Implementation. Nursing Homes Ireland Annual Conference, Dublin.

McCormack (2008) Perspectives on Ethics in Action Research. CARN Annual Conference – Cultural Kaleidoscopes: exploring ethics, contexts and conceptions. Liverpool.

- McCormack (2008) Working with older people: working with 'self'. Royal College of Nursing Northern Ireland, Older Persons Nursing Network [OPeNN] annual conference, Antrim.
- McCormack (2009) Person-centred Practice and Older People. Inaugural Conference, All-Ireland Gerontological Nurses Association, Cork.
- McCormack (2009) Understanding Workplace Culture, External and Internal Contexts in Developing Social and Health Services. University Consortium of Pori, Finland.
- McIlfatrick (2009) Developing a service model for palliative care for Northern Ireland. International Rehabilitation in Palliative Care Conference, University of Ulster.
- McIlfatrick (2009) Celebration of Partnership: Realising the Vision, University of Ulster and Northern Health and Social Care Trust.
- McKenna (2008) Evidence Based Practice. Keynote Presentation, Dublin, Ireland.
- McKenna (2009) Research Excellence Framework, Invited Presentation, Southampton, England.
- McKenna (2009) Moving Doctoral education forward in the 21st century: issues and dilemmas. Keynote presentation, University of Chester, England.
- McKenna (2009) Evidence based practice – exploding more myths. Keynote presentation, University of Northampton, England.
- McKenna (2009) Research Evaluation. The Academy of Nursing, London, England.
- McKenna (2009) Research Excellence Framework: the way forward. Manchester, England.
- McKenna (2009) Research Assessment Exercise: Reflections. Council of Deans of Health Conference, Belfast.
- Parahoo (2008) International collaboration and partnership in research. 8th Biennial International Nursing Conference. Institute of Medicine, University Brunei Darussalam, Brunei.
- Ryan (2009) Carers in transition: A rural perspective on family caregiving and entry to care. All Ireland Gerontological Nurses Association Inaugural Conference, Cork.
- Ryan (2009) Rural family carers' experiences of the nursing home placement of an older relative. National Care Homes Research and Development Forum, City University, London.
- Ryan (2009) Family caregiving and decisions about entry to care: a rural perspective. 2nd International Nursing and Midwifery conference, National University of Ireland, Galway.
- Sun, H-L., Sinclair, M., Kernohan, W.G., Patterson, H. and Chang, T-H. (2008) Understanding pregnancy loss in Taiwan. Proc Int stillbirth conf./Norsk Perinatalmedisinsk forening, Oslo.
- Taggart (2008) Service models that make a difference in addressing the mental health needs of people with learning disabilities. All Ireland Learning Disability Nursing Conference, Dundalk, Ireland.
- Taggart (2008) Staffs' knowledge and perceptions of working with women with intellectual disabilities and psychiatric disorders. Academic Meeting, Estia Centre, London.
- Taggart (2009) Building new road foundations that address the mental health of people with learning disabilities in N. Ireland. ARC (NI) Annual Conference, Belfast.
- Taggart (2009) Can women with learning disabilities suffer from mental health problems. Safety, dignity and service planning within mental health settings. Partnership in Care / RCN Conference, Warrington, Cheshire, England.

Taggart (2009) Structured approaches to assessment and care planning for people with intellectual disabilities and mental health problems. University College Dublin, Ireland.

Taggart (2009) Women Wise: A health promotion programme targeting women with learning disabilities to improve their emotional well-being. ARC (NI) Annual Conference, Belfast.

Taggart (2009) Women with learning disabilities and psychiatric disorders; a forgotten population. Faculty of Health & Social Care, Essex University, England.

Taggart (2009) Women with learning disabilities and psychiatric disorders; Staffs' knowledge and perceptions. Muckamore Abbey Hospital, Co Antrim, N. Ireland.

MEMBERSHIP OF LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND COMMITTEES

All staff, through their clinical and research expertise have contributed significantly to the development and evaluation of policy and practice locally, nationally and internationally. They are involved in providing advice and support to statutory, voluntary and user organisations.

Seven staff (Dr D Fitzsimons, Ms F Hasson, Prof G Kernohan, Ms T McAloon, Prof T McCance, Dr S McIlfatrick, Dr L Taggart) are members of the Research Ethics Committees in NI (REC NI).

Prof V Coates, Prof T McCance and Prof B McCormack are members of the Central Nursing Advisory Committee (Research Sub-Group) of the DHSSPS. Dr D Fitzsimons and Prof T McCance were responsible for developing the Strategy for Research and Development in NI. Membership of user and voluntary organisations include Help the Aged (Prof B McCormack); Positive Futures (Dr O Barr); Compass (Dr L Taggart); RCGP Scientific Foundation Board (Prof F Dobbs); Ulster Cancer Foundation, Parkinson's Disease Society (UK) and Northern Ireland Chest, Heart and Stroke Association (Prof H McKenna).

Nationally and internationally staff through membership of the Royal College of Nursing, Royal College of Midwives, Practice Networks, the International Network and Doctoral Education (INDEN), the European Academy of Nursing Sciences (EANS) and the SIGMA Theta Tau International (STTI) have advised on policy and position papers.

All staff are manuscript reviewers for peer review journals and many have reviewed grant proposals for BUPA, Health Technology Assessment, Service Delivery and Organisation (SDO), Health Research Board (Ireland), the Health Foundation, Action Medical Research, Parkinson's Disease Society (UK), and the Health Services Research Committee (Hong Kong). Fifteen staff are editors and/or on editorial boards of peer reviewed national and international journals. Additionally, several staff are Visiting Professors and examiners (for Doctoral students) at other universities in the UK and beyond. A list of editorial activities are provided below.

Editor

International Journal of Nursing Studies
Journal of Advanced Nursing
Journal of Environmental Research
Journal of Intellectual Disabilities
Midwives, Royal College of Midwives
RCM Evidence Based Midwifery

Professor Hugh McKenna
Professor Kader Parahoo
Professor Paul Fleming
Dr Owen Barr
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International Journal of Older People Nursing
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Professor Brendan McCormack

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BMA Quality and Safety in Health Care

Professor Hugh McKenna

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Journal of Nursing & Healthcare of Chronic Illness

Professor Vivien Coates

Members of Editorial Boards

Case Reports & Clinical Practice Review (Poland)

Clinical Audit, Dove Medical Press, New Zealand

Clinical Effectiveness in Nursing

Community Practitioner Professor Brenda Poulton

Disaster Management and Response (USA)

Educational Action Research

European Journal of Cardiovascular Nursing

European Journal of Oncology Nursing

Health Education Professor Paul Fleming

Intensive and Critical Care Nursing

International Journal for Human Caring

International Journal of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Nursing

International Journal of Nursing Studies

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International Journal of Older People Nursing

International Journal of Urology Nursing

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Journal of Advanced Nursing

Journal of Applied Research in Intellectual Disabilities

Journal of Biological Education

Journal of Clinical Nursing

Journal of Intellectual Disabilities

Journal of Multidisciplinary Healthcare

Journal of Nursing Research

Journal of Nursing Research

Journal of Policy and Practice in Intellectual Disability

Journal of Research in Nursing

Nurse Education Today

Nursing Research and Practice, Hindawi Journals

Nurse Researcher

Nursing Times Research

Online Journal in Nursing (USA)

Online Journal of Issues in Nursing

Online Journal of Issues in Nursing

Online Journal of Issues in nursing (USA)

Online Journal of the Development Disabilities Nurses Association (USA)

Polish Physiotherapy Review

Practice Development in Health Care

Quality in Primary Care

Research and Theory for Nursing International Journal

Sexual and Reproductive Health (Sweden)

Teaching in Higher Education

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Worldviews on Evidence-Based Nursing

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Membership of distinctive committees relevant to research

Dr O Barr (Advisory Committee of the Foundation for People with Learning Disability (UK); Professor J Boore (Northern Ireland Practice and Educational Council for Nursing and Midwifery); Professor V Coates (First nurse principal investigator, RDO, NI Ran R&D Fellowship Learning Set, AHP Therapies Research Priorities Study - Steering Group, Clinical Academic Training Pathway for Nurses, Midwives and AHPs (Finch Report), Florence Nightingale Conference Committee for 2010); Professor F Dobbs (Education Committee, European GP Research Network;

Clinical Innovation and Research Centre Board, Royal College of General Practitioners); Professor H Dolk (European Union Rare Diseases Task Force; European Medicines Evaluation Agency ENcePP Working Group on Scientific Independence and Transparency; NI CEMACH Advisory Committee; NI Clinical Research Network for Primary Care Management Board); Professor G Kernohan (Vice-Chair, Northern Health and Social Services Council, NI); Professor T McCance (RCN Task Force on Research Strategy; Chair, CNAC R&D); Dr E McCaughan (Irish Cancer Society Research Strategy Working Group, NI/Ireland/National Cancer Institute (USA) Cancer Research Working Group); Professor R McConkey (Learning Disability Committee for Review of Mental Health and Learning Disability in NI); Professor B McCormack (STTI Research Advisory Sub-Group, Chair of the Developing Practice Network (UK), Steering Group for Dementia Services, DHSSPS); Dr S McIlpatrick (advisor to DHSSPS on district nursing); Professor H McKenna (Vice-Chair NI Forum for Health and Social Care Research; member of Research Advisory Panel, Parkinson's Disease Society UK; appointed by Scottish Office to Review Research Quality; Panel Member for Allocating Research Funds, Swedish Research Council; appointed to Research Commissioning Board, SDO, UK; Bamford Monitoring Group, Patient and Client Council (Non-Executive Director); appointed one of three Judges for Military and Civilian Health Partnership Awards; Chairman,); Professor B Poulton (Specialist Community Public Health Nursing Member at the NMC); Dr A Ryan (National Care Homes Research and Development Forum); Professor M Sinclair (Royal College of Midwives Scientific Committee for the International Congress of Midwives; Academy of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting Research (UK)).

SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED DOCTORAL STUDENTS

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An investigation of the process of 'becoming a nurse'

Supervisors: Professor Mary Chambers, Professor Jenny Boore and Dr John Dallat

Victoria Coulter (nee Milligan)

Meeting the needs of adolescents with learning disabilities and challenging behaviour

Supervisors: Professor Roy McConkey and Dr Eamonn Slevin

Attracta Lafferty

Personal Relationships among People with Learning Disabilities

Supervisors: Professor Roy McConkey and Dr Laurence Taggart

Yi-Hui Liao

Targeting pregnant women in need: efficacy and effectiveness of programmes of care

Supervisors: Professor Marlene Sinclair and Professor George Kernohan

Carole McIlrath

Identification of appropriate benchmarks for effective primary care based nursing services for adults with depression

Supervisors: Professor Hugh McKenna, Dr Sinead Keeney and Dr Derek McLaughlin

Hui-Lin Sun

Screening, prediction and management of pre-term delivery in Taiwan

Supervisors: Professor Marlene Sinclair and Professor George Kernohan

Kai Yu Tseng

The transition from student nurse to staff nurse during the first twelve months as a registered nurse in Taiwan

Supervisors: Dr Owen Barr and Professor Jenny Boore

Dympna Walsh-Gallagher

The lived experience of women with learning disability facing the challenges of pregnancy and childbirth: An interpretative phenomenological study

Supervisors: Professor Marlene Sinclair and Professor Roy McConkey