**Community Nursing Research Strategy for Wales**

**Notes of Board Meting held on the 6th July 2016, 11:00-13:00 at University of South Wales, Aneurin Bevan Building, Room AB115, Lower Glyn Taf Campus, Pontypridd CF37 4DB.**

**Draft: for approval at next meeting**

1. **Present**: Sue Bale (Aneurin Bevan UHB), Judith Carrier (CU), Jane Imperato (Cardiff Flying Start), Joyce Kenkre (Chair CNRS/USW/PRIME Centre Wales), Marie Lewis (Powys THB), Louise Lidbury (RCN Wales), Sherrill Snelgrove (Swansea University), Sue Thomas (USW), Angela Watkins (Minutes/PRIME Centre Wales)

**Teleconference:** Adrian Jones (BC UHB),

**Apologies:** Rhiannon Beaumont-Wood (PHW), Sian Bolton (PHW), Chris Hayes (Hywel Dda UHB), Maggie Kirk (USW), Sue Jordan (Swansea University), Paul Labourne (Powys tHB), Greg McKenzie (Cwm Taf), Ruth Northway (USW), Katrina Rowlands (Powys tHB), Michelle Thomas (USW), Carolyn Wallace (USW/PRIME Centre Wales), Caroline Williams (Hywel Dda)

1. **Notes of the last meeting**The notes of the last meeting taken 6th July 2016 were reviewed, no corrections required.
2. **Matters Arising**
	1. Diamond Report: The Review of Higher Education Funding and Student Finance Arrangements in Wales. (Available at: <http://gov.wales/topics/educationandskills/highereducation/review-of-he-funding-and-student-finance-arrangements/?lang=en>)
		1. Discussion held around the Diamond Report published in September 2016. The report presents the final recommendations of the Review of Higher Education Funding in Wales that was established by the then Minister for Education and Skills in February 2014. The then Minister announced a set of Terms of Reference and particularly asked the Panel to ensure the report addressed the following areas: widening access; supporting the skill needs of Wales; strengthening part-time and postgraduate provision in Wales; and long-term financial sustainability.
		2. Of particular note is the recommendation to increase support for **postgraduate study and research** including funded scholarships of up to three years duration for 150 research students each year, initially for three years: “These scholarships, for both fees and maintenance, should be funded in a three way equal partnership between the Welsh Government, the university in which the research student will be based, and another funder either from the private, public or third sector. The scholarship should, therefore, be free to the individual student and would be in addition to current HEFCW funding for postgraduate research” (page 5).
	2. **Funding Opportunities:**
		1. Funding call for Social Care Fellowship Awards
			* Applications are invited from individuals working across any sector or scientific discipline to undertake research which will benefit social care and support services, service users and/or carers in Wales. The fellowship offers 3-years full-time funding (or 4 or 5 years part-time) to individuals who have no more than 60-months FTE postdoctoral research experience at the time of applying. Deadline 7th December.
			* Full details: <https://www.healthandcareresearch.gov.wales/news/social-care-fellowship-call-2016-launched/>
		2. Interreg Europe
			* Interreg Europe offers opportunities for regional and local public authorities across Europe to share ideas and experience on public policy in practice, therefore improving strategies for their citizens and communities: <http://www.interregeurope.eu/about-us/what-is-interreg-europe/>
			* Interreg Europe held two calls for project proposals so far (2015 and 2016 - see details below). The monitoring committee of the programme is likely to decide on the third call for project proposals by the end of 2016.
			* Further information: <http://www.interregeurope.eu/projects/apply-for-funding/>
		3. NIHR Fellowship Programme: http://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding/fellowship-programme.htm
			* Doctoral Research Fellowship: deadline 17 January 2017
			* Post Doctoral Fellowship: deadline 20 December 2015
		4. AXA Post Doctoral Fellowships
			* 25 Post-Doctoral Fellowships (max. €130K each and for 18-24 months)
			* Deadline 6th December (although universities likely to have own deadline for internal review and sign-off due to the limit of 1-2 applications per institution).
			* Further information: <https://www.axa-research.org/en/page/post-doctoral-fellowships>
		5. RCBC Post Doctoral Fellowship call – to be announced shortly.
	3. Developing principles for community nursing
		1. Further discussion on developing projects to address the future needs of nursing practice and whether CNRS should be at the forefront of this. Consideration should be given to the research projects necessary to conduct (development of a research programme) to ensure community nursing is fit for practice in the future.
		2. Links in with CNRS research theme a) Organisational change and service redesign.
		3. Examples of such research already underway include the evaluation of the age related macular degeneration (AMD) pilots.
		4. It would be helpful to arrange a meeting with the BSC/MSc SPQ Leads / Programme Managers to discuss potential strategic planning of student research projects to address evidence gap in future needs of nursing practice workforce, as agreed by leads in the universities and health boards.
		**ACTION**: Contact leads to set-up meeting (JK/AW)
3. **CNRS Coordinator Update**
	1. No update this quarter as Carolyn Wallace is off work long-term sick.
4. **Developing industry research & funding opportunities**
	1. Knowledge Economy Skills Scholarships programme (KESS II) - Cardiff University
	Cardiff University Schools are invited to submit applications for PhD, MRes and MPhil studentships under the KESSII programme for enrolments after 1 January 2017.
	The KESSII programme is a pan-Wales initiative supported by M£26 of European Social Fund support via the Welsh Government.  Under this programme, Cardiff University has at least 24 PhD and 35 MPhil / MRes studentships to allocate, to start within the next two academic years.
	Projects must be undertaken in collaboration with an external partner from the West Wales and the Valleys Convergence region of Wales, who can contribute c.K £3.5-5 cash per year (depending on size).  Funding will support RCUK-level stipends and project expenses of c.K £3 per year. Fees are not an eligible KESSII project cost.  Studentships must be awarded to EU/Home students only, who live or work in the West Wales and the Valleys Convergence area at the time of application and registration.
	Deadline for applications: 12th December 2016
	Further details available at: <http://www.primecentre.wales/funding-opportunities.php>
	2. JK with South East Wales Academic Health Science Partnership (SEWAHSP) is building a list of potential industrial partner organisations who have expressed an interest in research collaborations.
	3. Example projects include testing new equipment in the community. It may also be possible to take forward Bevan Commission projects for further feasibility testing / evaluation of roll out.
	4. Another channel for finding potential industrial collaborators is the SBRI: Small Business Research Initiative <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/sbri-the-small-business-research-initiative>
5. **Future projects or collaborations**
	1. Information is needed on current research taking place in community nursing.
	2. Health and Care Research Wales Workforce will have access to the online data platform – it may be possible to request a database search using key words. ACTION: To take forward when CW returns.
	3. Noted: Some projects not currently on the Health and Care Research Wales portfolio could progress to portfolio with some support. Further information available on Health and Care Research Wales website: <https://www.healthandcareresearch.gov.wales/get-your-study-on-the-clinical-research-portfolio/>
	4. New study underway at AB UHB working with Andrew Carson-Stevens and Joyce Kenkre looking at the National Reporting and Learning System support.
6. **CNRS Research themes and leads:**
	1. Proposed themes from the Community Nursing for Wales Research Strategy: <http://www.primecentre.wales/cnrs-research.php>
	2. Volunteers for leads needed in each of the themes to help drive forward research:
		1. Organisational change and service redesign – Louise Lidbury
		2. Nursing roles
		3. Skill mix – Paul Labourne & Adrian Jones (JK has confirmed with PL)
		Update: Adrian Jones is contacting Paul Labourne to take forward.
		4. Evidence and outcomes – Judith Carrier
		Update: Systematic review work is on-going led by Wales Centre for Evidence Based Care (A Joanna Briggs Institute Centre of Excellence), with the review for ‘Our Place’ young parents group feeding into an application for Lottery funding. Helpful to start considering what other projects to work on.
		5. Education and development
		6. Long-term care – Sherrill Snelgrove
		Update: Will look to increase links with research community and develop a strategy
		7. Occupational health
		8. Patient safety – Sue Jordan (medicines focus, possible to link in with infection control)
		9. Patient and user perspectives
	3. Noted: It makes sense to link the themes to Board/Network members already active on the respective area.
7. **Next CNRS Conference**
	1. The next CNRS conference is now likely to be held in 2017. Initial meeting has been held but not progressed yet – a key role will be for someone to lead the planning.
	2. Conference planning team members volunteered to date: Sian Bolton (PHW), Judith Carrier (CU), Paul Labourne (WG), Marie Lewis (Powys THB), Greg McKenzie (Cwm Taf), Caroline Williams (Hywel Dda).
8. **AOB**
	1. **Joanna Briggs Institute Comprehensive Systematic Review training**

JBI Comprehensive Systematic Review (CSR) Training Program is designed to prepare researchers and clinicians to develop, conduct and report comprehensive systematic reviews of qualitative and quantitative evidence, following the [Joanna Briggs Institute approach](http://joannabriggs.org/jbi-education.html#educationHome) and using the [Joanna Briggs Institute SUMARI software](http://joannabriggs.org/sumari.html).

Dates: 10-14 October 2016 (participants can attend 3 or 5 days)
Venue: Cardiff University, [Eastgate House](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/visit/map), Newport Rd.
Price: £900.00

* 1. **Online #weCommunities chat forums using twitter** for:
		1. District Nurses: #weDNs <http://www.wecommunities.org/tweet-chats/chat-details/2862> (general information)
		2. Nurses: #weNurses <http://www.wecommunities.org/tweet-chats/chat-details/2862> (general information)
		<https://twitter.com/WeNurses> (twitter link)
	2. JK has been invited to join Welsh Government committee on Inverse Care Law.
1. **Date of next meeting:**
	1. 25 January 2017, 14:00-16:00.

Venue: University of South Wales, Lower Glyn Taf Campus (Room to be confirmed).
Directions: http://findaroom.southwales.ac.uk/rooms/