

Fuse NIHR SPHR Renewal Application January 2021

Key Researchers (Listed in alphabetical order)

Name	FTE	Institution	Role
Sarah Banks	1.0	Durham	Professor, Sociologist. Research expertise: She is a member of the Executive Committee of the International Collaboration for Participatory Health Research and Co-director of the Durham University Centre for Social Justice and Community Action.
Heather Brown	0.8	Newcastle	Senior Lecturer in Health Economics. Research expertise: applied econometrics methods for the evaluation of public health policies, and health inequalities.
Mandy Cheetham	1.0	Northumbria	NIHR ARC NENC Research Fellow in knowledge mobilisation and implementation. Research expertise: As an embedded researcher, co-production of research with communities, and also partnership working with voluntary and community sector organisations.
Floor Christie-de-Jong	1.0	Sunderland	Senior Lecturer in Public Health. Research expertise: cancer screening inequalities in marginalised and hard-to-reach groups, including ethnic minorities.
Charlotte Clarke	1.0	Durham	Professor, Sociologist and health professional (nurse). Research expertise: health inequalities associated with dementia, and particularly in relation to stigma.
Matthew Cotton	1.0	Teesside	Professor of Public Policy. Research interests lie in the social and political dimensions of sustainable development in both the Global North and the Global South.
Dawn Craig	1.0	Newcastle	Professor of Practice in evidence synthesis. Research Expertise: evidence synthesis methods and health economic decision modelling in public health improvement. She is the Director of the NIHR Innovation Observatory.
Sonia Dalkin	1.0	Northumbria	Associate Professor in Public Health. Research expertise: Realist review methods, with interest in health inequalities and complex interventions.
Natalie Forster	1.0	Northumbria	Research fellow in applied health and social care Research expertise: health experiences of marginalised groups, and the development and evaluation of service innovations to address inequalities in these groups.
Emma Giles	1.0	Teesside	Associate Professor (Research), public health. Research expertise: Behaviour change interventions, particularly in the area of obesity and weight management.
Stephen Gorard	1.0	Durham	Professor, Education. Research expertise: Robust evaluation of education as a lifelong process, focused on issues of equity, effectiveness and social justice.

Les Graham	1.0	Durham	Lecturer, Business. Relevant expertise relates to impact of leadership on well-being, engagement and ethical behaviour, and is a public policy formation advisor for the Home Office and Police.
Simon Hackett	1.0	Newcastle	Hon. Senior Clinical Lecturer in Mental Health. An Allied Health Professional (AHP) working in mental health services. Committed to developing and carrying out research that will benefit people who face challenging and complex mental health problems across a wide range of NHS, social care, and community contexts.
Katie Haighton	1.0	Northumbria	Professor in public health and wellbeing. Research expertise: brief interventions, and working with policy and practice partners, local and regional government, and other public and voluntary organisations to facilitate evidence-informed practice and policy.
Barbara Hanratty	1.0	Newcastle	Professor of Primary Care and Public Health, GP and Honorary Consultant in Public Health. Has held an MRC Fellowship and an NIHR Career Development Fellowship. She is deputy director and NE training lead in NIHR SPCR. Research expertise: Her research focuses on health ageing across the health and social care divide and equitable access to care. Co-directs Ageing PRU.
Nicola Heslehurst	0.8	Newcastle	Senior Lecturer in Maternal Nutrition, Public Health. Previously a NIHR postdoctoral research fellow and currently holds an NIHR Career Development Fellowship. Research expertise: maternal obesity and pregnancy weight management, with a focus on inequalities.
Tom Hill	1.0	Newcastle	Professor of Nutrition. Research interests: Micronutrients in health and disease, nutrition and physical function, nutritional status and health in advanced age and nutritional enhancement of animal foods.
Frances Hillier-Brown	1.0	Newcastle	Lecturer in Public Health. Core research interests centre on the provision of equitable population-wide health promotion, with a particular focus on healthy eating and physical activity behaviours for the prevention of chronic disease.
Sue Jones	1.0	Teesside	Research Associate, Public Health and nurse. Expertise in smoking cessation, obesity and end of life care. Led the process evaluation of the Fuse BabyClear translational research project.
Adetayo Kasim	1.0	Durham	Professor, Statistician. Leads the Durham University Methods Centre. Specific research expertise in biclustering algorithms, bioinformatics and data science. Active researcher in public health trials.

Nina Kolehmainen	1.0	Newcastle	Reader in Allied Child Health. An allied health population scientist with focus on improving child health and well-being through everyday behaviours. Primary focus is on movement and physical activity in under5s, and also collaborative research to enable self-care in children with long-term conditions. Particularly interested in innovations that support these health behaviours and promote life-course health.
Ruth McGovern	1.0	Newcastle	Lecturer in Public Health and NIHR Postdoctoral Fellow with a Social Work background Research expertise: promotion of social justice for vulnerable children and families, and leads the PHPES project in South Tyneside on Best Start in Life Alliance. LCRN and ARC lead for Social Care.
Fiona Matthews	1.0	Newcastle	Dean of Research and Professor of Ageing Epidemiology, Epidemiology. Research expertise: health of older people and understanding the influence of inequalities on public health.
Laura Mazzoli-Smith	1.0	Durham	Assistant Professor, Education. Research expertise: educational inequalities and inclusion, digital learning platforms, social mobility and intergenerational transmission. Her research draws on narrative pedagogy and transformative learning theories.
Suzanne Moffatt	0.8	Newcastle	Reader in Social Gerontology. Research interests: the health and well-being of older people, the impact of changes to the welfare state, tackling health and social inequalities, evaluating the impact of social prescribing and applying research to policy and practice. She led a PHPES project on social prescribing, and subsequent NIHR PHR funded project.
Dorothy Newbury-Birch	1.0	Teesside	Professor of Alcohol and Public Health Research. Research interests: work around reducing alcohol related harm in society, particularly for young people and those in various stages of the criminal justice system.
Emily Oliver	1.0	Durham	Associate Professor, Psychologist. Research expertise: motivation and how this is sustained and strengthened during crises. Physical activity and inequalities are centred in her work.
Tessa Pollard	1.0	Durham	Professor, Anthropology. Research expertise: ethnographic studies evaluating the impact of physical activity and exercise, and the use of 'go-along' methods.
Judith Rankin	1.0	Newcastle	Professor of Maternal and Child Health whose work focuses on modifiable risk factors in pregnancy including obesity, diabetes, alcohol intake, perinatal mental health and on the development of potential interventions to improve health and wellbeing in early life.

Angela Rodrigues	1.0	Northumbria	Senior Lecturer, Psychology. Development and evaluation of behaviour change complex interventions.
Gill Rowlands	1.0	Newcastle	Professor of Primary Care and GP. Research interests are in the area of health inequalities, particularly the role of health literacy in health, and the role of GPs in identifying and addressing the problems faced by patients with lower health literacy.
Tom Scharf	1.0	Newcastle	Professor of Social Gerontology whose research encompasses the fields of social gerontology, social policy and political science. He was elected to the UK Academy of Social Sciences in 2009 in recognition of his work on ageing.
Sarah Sowden	0.35	Newcastle	Clinical Lecturer and Hon Consultant in Public Health. HEE/NIHR funded Integrated Clinical Academic fellowship programme of research on reducing inequalities in avoidable hospital admissions.
Linda Sharp	1.0	Newcastle	Newcastle, Professor of Cancer Epidemiology. Research interests range from cancer aetiology, through cancer screening, cancer treatment and treatment-decision making, to cancer survivorship.
Emma Stevenson	1.0	Newcastle	Professor and Deputy Dean-Population Health Sciences. Research focuses on nutritional interventions to maximise exercise recovery and the effects of exercise and nutritional interventions on appetite regulation and metabolism.
Laura Ternent	1.0	Newcastle	Senior Lecturer in Health Economics focuses on economic evaluations of complex interventions, economic modelling and outcome valuation.
Adam Todd	1.0	Newcastle	Reader in Pharmaceutical Public Health. His research focuses around evaluating pharmaceutical public health interventions, health care access and how these can impact on health inequalities. Adam is also a qualified and practicing community pharmacist.
Tim Townsend	1.0	Newcastle	Professor of Urban Design for Health and leader of the Global Urban Research Unit (GURU). Research Interests: Urban design; public space; and in particular links between the design of the built environment, health and well-being.
Luke Vale	1.0	Newcastle	Professor of Health Economics focuses on Health Care Public Health and particularly on priority setting and economic evaluation of complex interventions.
Peter van der Graaf	1.0	Teesside	Associate Professor (Enterprise). Sociologist, Public Health. NIHR Knowledge Mobilisation Research Fellow. Peter leads AskFuse and is the Fuse Knowledge Exchange Broker. Research expertise: knowledge mobilisation in public health and translational research. The interface between research, practice and policy and how this facilitates social improvement processes at local and regional levels of public health.

Milica Vasiljevic	1.0	Durham	Associate Professor, Psychology. Research expertise: how cues in the environment impact health behaviours, and how this knowledge can be translated into effective behaviour change interventions to improve public health and reduce inequalities.
Shelina Visram	0.8	Newcastle	Lecturer in public policy and health. Her research interests include health inequalities, community development and engagement, behaviour change, nutrition and weight management, and lay roles in public health (particularly health trainers).
Tammi Walker	1.0	Teesside	Professor of Psychology. Research expertise: extensive experience of researching and working in prison and secure care settings, including maximum security prisons for recidivistic sexual and violent offenders.
John Wildman	1.0	Newcastle	Professor of Health Economics focus on application of microeconomic methods in natural and quasi-experiments and inequalities.
Vida Zohoori	1.0	Teesside	Professor, Dental Public Health. Vida leads the Teesside University Centre for Public Health Research. Research expertise: fluoridation and dental health in children, including fluoridated milk schemes in primary schools, particularly in relation to inequalities.

Early Career Researchers

Institution	Names
Durham	Andrea Armstrong, Fiona Duncan, Andrew Fletcher, Naomi Griffin, Steph Morris, Leanne Trick, Janelle Wagnild.
Newcastle	Emma Adams, Navneet Aujla, Hayley Alderson, Ryc Aquino, Viviana Albani, Bethany Bareham, Simon Barrett, Fiona Beyer, Nawaraj Bhattarai, Theophile Bigirumurame, Matt Breckons, Samantha Burns, Laura Basterfield, Cristina Fernandez-Garcia, Mackenzie Fong, Emma Geijer-Simpson, Louis Goffe, Fiona Graham, Sarah Hill, Emma Joyes, Jennifer Liddle, Andrea Mayrhofer, Laura McGowan, Vicki McGowan, Amy O'Donnell, Samantha Redgate, Tomas Robinson, Steph Scott, Deb Smart, Suzanne Spence, Liam Spencer, Mei Yee Tang, Katie Thompson, Angela Wearn, Claire Welsh, Josephine Wildman, Ge Yu.
Northumbria	Angela Bate, Christina Cooper, Gemma Wilson.
Sunderland	Heather Yemm.
Teesside	Natalie Connor, Claire O'Malley, Lesley Haley, Catherine Niven, Helen Moore, Samantha Harrison.