

## The Research ABC Project (Project Lead: [alison.aries@nhs.net](mailto:alison.aries@nhs.net))

Research **ABC** (**A**llied Health Professionals **B**uilding Capacity **A**cross the **B**lack **C**ountry)

The project is funded by an NIHR West Midlands Clinical Research Network (CRN) improvement and innovation strategic grant to enable the Black Country integrated care system (ICS) to address the four domains: capacity, capability, context and culture, to resource and support ongoing AHP research. The aim is to undertake a baseline assessment prior to delivering bespoke training activities.

Thank you for completing the survey. If you have any questions regarding the survey, please contact the project lead, Dr. Ali Aries, on [alison.aries@nhs.net](mailto:alison.aries@nhs.net).

There are 44 quick questions, and the survey should take no more than **15 minutes** to complete.

Please note that by agreeing to the following statements, you are consenting to take part in this study. Please read the statements and check that you are happy to agree to them all. Once you have ticked the final confirmation statement, it will be accepted as your consent to participate in this research skills evaluation. You may then continue to the survey, which collects more information about you before the main questions about research activity.

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### CONSENT

1. I confirm that I have read and understood the summary information sheet, and I know how to access further information if required. Please read the document in the link below. \*

<https://www.royalwolverhampton.nhs.uk/about-us/research-and-development.html>

☐ Yes

☐ No

2. I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I can withdraw at any time before clicking submit. \*

☐ Yes

☐ No

3. I understand that information collected from or about me during this survey will be anonymised before it is presented in a report or submitted for publication. \*

☐ Yes

☐ No

4. I agree to the information collected being used for future research related projects. \*

☐ Yes

☐ No

5. I agree to take part in this survey. \*

☐ Yes

☐ No

## ELIGIBILITY

6. In order to be eligible to complete this survey, you need to work for one of the following Trusts. Please state which Trust you work for. If you tick other, unfortunately you will not be eligible to continue with this survey. Thank you for your time reading this information. \*

- ☐ The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust
- ☐ The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust
- ☐ Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust
- ☐ Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust
- ☐ Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
- ☐ Dudley Integrated Health and Care NHS Trust
- ☐ Other

7. Are you a Registered (Band 5 and above) Allied Health Professional (AHP)? If no, you are unfortunately not eligible to participate in this survey; thank you for your interest. \*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

## YOUR RESEARCH - RELATED ACTIVITIES

8. Please, tick the highest level of your involvement in audit. \*

- ☐ None
- ☐ I have been involved in audit as a team member
- ☐ I have led audit

9. Please, tick the highest level of your involvement in service evaluation. \*

- ☐ None
- ☐ I have been involved in service evaluation as a team member
- ☐ I have led service evaluation

10. Please, tick the highest level of your involvement in quality improvement. \*

- ☐ None
- ☐ I have been involved in quality improvement as a team member
- ☐ I have led quality improvement

11. Do you attend or deliver in-service training? \*

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes, but I attend only
- ☐ Yes, I have delivered in-service training
- ☐ Yes, I regularly deliver in-service training

12. Please, tick the highest level of your involvement in critical appraisal of literature relevant to your job role. \*

- ☐ None
- ☐ I critically appraise literature for my own professional development
- ☐ I critically appraise literature to facilitate the development of others within my team
- ☐ I critically appraise literature to support change and service development
- ☐ I critically appraise literature as part of research activity (e.g. academic projects, peer reviewer for journal articles etc.)

13. What is your level of awareness of relevant local/national guidelines and policies that impact on patient care? \*

- ☐ None
- ☐ Some awareness, but need guidance on how they impact on patient care
- ☐ Aware and share with colleagues to improve patient care
- ☐ Contribute to the development of guidelines and policies locally to improve patient care
- ☐ Contribute to the development of guidelines and policies nationally or across professional groups

14. Please, tick the highest level of your involvement in clinical research. \*

- ☐ None
- ☐ I have experience of supporting delivery of research (e.g. data collection, recruitment of participants)
- ☐ I have experience of leading research, as a Chief Investigator (CI)
- ☐ I have experience of leading research, as a Principal Investigator (PI)

## RESEARCH OUTPUT

Please, indicate how many of the following you have produced during your career:

15. Peer-reviewed journal publications:

- ☐ 0
- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5 or more

16. Abstracts submitted for conference:

- ☐ 0
- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5 or more

17. Presentations at conference - oral:

- ☐ 0
- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5 or more

18. Presentations at conference - poster:

- ☐ 0
- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5 or more

19. Critically Appraised Topics (CATs):

- ☐ 0
- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5 or more

20. Any other research output not listed above, please give details:

21. Please, indicate which of the following research activities you have undertaken (Please, tick any that apply to you): \*

- ☐ Journal clubs: I have participated in
- ☐ Journal clubs: I have led sessions
- ☐ Community of Research Practice (CoRP - *this is a knowledge production and experience-sharing network to increase research capacity and provide learning opportunities and networking within your area of work*): I have attended CoRP sessions
- ☐ Community of Research Practice (CoRP): I have presented at sessions
- ☐ Research discussions: I have attended research discussions for my own development
- ☐ Research discussions: I have led research discussions with staff
- ☐ I learn about research from a professional network (e.g. Chartered Society of Physiotherapy, Royal College of Podiatry, Society of Radiographers etc.).
- ☐ I deliver research activities through a professional network.
- ☐ Critically Appraised Topic (CAT) groups: I attend these sessions
- ☐ Critically Appraised Topic (CAT) groups: I have written CATs
- ☐ An internship programme
- ☐ A pre-doctoral programme
- ☐ A doctoral programme
- ☐ A post-doctoral programme
- ☐ Other

22. If you answered 'other' to the previous question, please give details.



23. Please, specify any Clinical Academic training you have undertaken. Please tick as many as are applicable. \*

- ☐ NIHR Internship
- ☐ NIHR PCAF
- ☐ NIHR CDRF (e.g. NIHR Doctoral Fellowship)
- ☐ NIHR Post Doctoral Fellowship
- ☐ Regionally Funded Research Internship (e.g. HEE/NHS/Charity/or Other funding)
- ☐ Regionally Funded PhD (e.g. HEE/NHS/Charity/or Other funding)
- ☐ Regionally Funded Post Doctoral Fellowship (e.g. HEE/NHS/Charity/or Other funding)
- ☐ Regionally Funded MRes (e.g. HEE/NHS/Charity/or Other funding)
- ☐ Self-funded PhD
- ☐ Self-funded PhD
- ☐ MA/MSc
- ☐ MRes
- ☐ None
- ☐ Other

24. If you answered 'other' to the previous question, please give details.

25. If you do not currently engage in any research activities, please give reasons, to help us understand any barriers you may face to engagement: \*

- ☐ Not applicable
- ☐ Time pressures within work are a barrier
- ☐ I don't feel supported by my manager to engage in research activities
- ☐ Too many commitments outside of work
- ☐ I am not currently interested in research
- ☐ Other

26. If you answered 'other' to the question above, please give details.

## TRAINING NEEDS

27. Please indicate if you would be interested in being involved in any of the following activities to promote your own research skills: \*

- ☐ Community of Research Practice (CoRP)
- ☐ Critically Appraised Topic (CAT) groups
- ☐ Journal clubs
- ☐ Training on literature searching
- ☐ Simple statistics
- ☐ Abstract writing
- ☐ Poster presentations
- ☐ Writing for publication
- ☐ Systematic Review training
- ☐ Qualitative research methodologies (e.g. interviews, focus groups, thematic analysis)
- ☐ Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement
- ☐ Research networking opportunities between clinicians
- ☐ Research networking opportunities with Higher Education Institutes

- ☐ Please tick if you are interested in becoming a Research Champion/completing a My Academy Research Champion training package. (*Research Champions act as a point of contact for information on research opportunities, distribute information about opportunities, promote evidence-based practice at all levels, support colleagues with study/training opportunities, and actively seek out opportunities for participating in research for their organisation*).

28. If you ticked any boxes in question 27, please provide your NHS email address, so that we can add you to our network space on Microsoft Teams, for updates on training opportunities/workshops.

29. Also, we are interested in anything else you would like, that might help with your research training needs. Please, give details below.

## ABOUT YOU

30. Please indicate what best represents your main work setting by selecting one of the following: \*

- ☐ NHS - Secondary Care (acute sector)
- ☐ NHS - Primary care
- ☐ NHS - Community (e.g. community clinics, home visits)
- ☐ Private Sector
- ☐ Local Authority
- ☐ Voluntary
- ☐ Other

31. If you answered 'other' to the previous question, please give details.

32. What AHP professional group do you belong to? \*

- ☐ Art Therapists
- ☐ Drama Therapists
- ☐ Music Therapists
- ☐ Podiatrists/Chiropodists
- ☐ Dieticians
- ☐ Occupational Therapists
- ☐ Operating Department Practitioners
- ☐ Orthoptists
- ☐ Osteopaths
- ☐ Prosthetists and Orthotists
- ☐ Paramedics
- ☐ Physiotherapists
- ☐ Diagnostic Radiographers
- ☐ Therapeutic Radiographers
- ☐ Speech and Language Therapists

33. Please state your highest level of qualification. \*

- ☐ Diploma
- ☐ BSc
- ☐ BSc + some postgraduate credits
- ☐ Postgraduate certificate
- ☐ Postgraduate diploma
- ☐ Masters (e.g. MSc/Mres)
- ☐ PhD
- ☐ Other

34. If you answered 'other' to the previous question, please give details.

35. How long have you been registered as an Allied Health Professional \*

- ☐ Less than 2 years
- ☐ 2-4 years 11 months
- ☐ 5-9 years 11 months
- ☐ 10-14 years 11 months
- ☐ 15 -19 years 11 months
- ☐ More than 20 years

36. At what level are you currently working as an Allied Health Professional? \*

- ☐ Band 5
- ☐ Band 6
- ☐ Band 7
- ☐ Band 8a
- ☐ Band 8b
- ☐ Band 8c
- ☐ Band 8d
- ☐ Other

37. If you answered 'other' to the previous question, please give details.

38. What is your age group? \*

- ☐ 24 and under
- ☐ 25-34
- ☐ 35-44
- ☐ 45-54
- ☐ 55 and over
- ☐ Prefer not to say

39. Which of the following best describes you? \*

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Non-binary
- ☐ None of the above/Prefer to self-describe
- ☐ Prefer not to say

40. Is your gender identity the same as the sex you were registered with at birth? \*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say

41. What is your ethnic background? \*

- ☐ Asian or Asian British
- ☐ Black or Black British
- ☐ Mixed
- ☐ White
- ☐ Other ethnic groups
- ☐ Prefer not to say

42. Which of the following best describes how you think of yourself? \*

- ☐ Bisexual
- ☐ Gay or Lesbian
- ☐ Heterosexual or Straight
- ☐ Other sexual orientation not listed
- ☐ Do not know or not sure
- ☐ Prefer not to say

43. Do you have a disability - physical, mental, learning disability and/or impairment? \*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say

44. Thank you for completing this questionnaire. To enable a chance to be in a draw to win a £50 voucher, please provide your name and email contact details below.

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